

## Labour, Likud in contact

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel's rival Likud and Labour movements, bargaining separately for support from newly powerful religious parties, have also started to explore resuming their right-left coalition government. "There are contacts, they are not formal but, yes, Prime Minister (Yitzhak) Shamir could favour some sort of a unity cabinet to enable the government to function," Shamir's cabinet chief Yossi Alhineir told Reuters Friday. Alhineir said a renewed coalition would have to be led by Shamir while Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, head of the rival Labour Party, might have to accept another portfolio. He said the coalition might include religious representatives. Contacts with Likud were confirmed by Labour sources who said all options remained and it could be weeks before a new government was formed. Voters gave neither Likud nor Labour a majority in last week's election. Religious parties emerged as Israel's third largest political force with 18 of the 120 Knesset (parliament) seats, while Likud won 40 seats and Labour 39. Peres and Shamir had alternated as prime minister in the outgoing government that followed similarly inconclusive elections in 1984.

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## Soviets firm at Vienna talks

VIENNA (R) — The Soviet Union warned Friday that Western objections to a proposed human rights conference in Moscow could undermine progress already made at the 35-nation European security conference. Yuri Kashlev, chief Soviet delegate to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), told delegates plans to hold follow-up human rights meetings in Paris, Copenhagen and Moscow represented "a very reasonable, optimum structure." But if someone wants to break a part of it, the whole structure will be put in doubt. The United States and Britain in particular are opposed to attending such a meeting in Moscow, planned for 1991, unless the Soviet Union improves its own human rights record. British chief delegate Laurence O'Keefe confirmed that London was looking for improvements in key areas such as emigration, the release of prisoners of conscience and religious freedom before it would consider going to Moscow. Kashlev said if this logic were followed, no human rights meeting could be held in the United States, where he said racism was blossoming.

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## Khoury resigns, Sadi takes over

With effect from Nov. 11, 1988, Dr. Waleed Sa'di, columnist and former ambassador, has taken over the helm of the Jordan Times as its chief editor to succeed Rami G. Khoury, who has resigned.

## AROUND THE WORLD...

### Cyprus to reopen coup file

NICOSIA (R) — The Cypriot parliament is to reexamine the causes behind a brief coup inspired in Nicosia in 1974 by the junta then ruling Greece and subsequent move by the Turkish army into the northern third of the island. "Parliament has decided to reactivate a committee to investigate who in Cyprus was involved in organising the coup and for failing to take appropriate action during the invasion," said one political source.

### Kurds captured after killing

ISTANBUL (R) — Police have captured two Kurdish rebels linked to the killing of an army major in Istanbul three weeks ago, Anatolian news agency said Friday. It said they belonged to an Athens-based network of the banned Kurdish Workers Party (PKK), which launched a violent campaign for autonomy for Turkey's estimated eight million Kurds in 1983.

### Gayoom installed as president for third term

NEW DELHI (AP) — President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom of the Maldives was inaugurated Friday for a third five-year term, after weathering a coup attempt on the Indian Ocean island chain last week, the government said. "In view of what happened last week, the ceremony was simple. There was no fireworks, no celebrations," said Ahmad Saleem, a Foreign Ministry under-secretary contacted by telephone from New Delhi.

### Turkey, Soviet Union to discuss ties

ANKARA (R) — Natural gas and wheat sales are likely to figure in economic talks between Turkey and the Soviet Union this month, official Turkish sources said Friday. The Foreign Ministry said a joint economic commission would meet in Moscow from Nov. 16 to 23 and in Ankara from Nov. 23 to 28.

### Baker could be good for Mideast — Egypt

CAIRO (R) — Egypt said Friday the nomination of James Baker as U.S. secretary of state could help the Middle East peace process. "I do believe that he as a partner (to President-elect George Bush) would be able to contribute to just lasting peace in the Middle East," Foreign Minister Kamel Abdel Meguid said in a statement. "He is also familiar with the difficult situation of our region, both diplomatically and economically. I hope that he would further enhance the peace process launched by Secretary of State George Shultz."

### Turkish-iranian row brews

ANKARA (R) — Turkish politicians and commentators Friday accused the Iranian embassy in Ankara of insolence for not flying its flag at half-mast to commemorate the death of modern Turkey's founder, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk. Turks held solemn nationwide ceremonies Thursday to mark the 50th anniversary of the death of Ataturk who created a secular republic from the ashes of the Ottoman empire in 1923. "Yesterday, all flags on Turkish soil were at half-mast with one exception. This is unforgivable insolence," the popular daily Gumaydin said in an editorial.

### SLA official escapes assassination

BEIRUT (AP) — A senior official of the Israeli-aided South Lebanon Army (SLA) escaped an assassination attempt when an explosive charge went off near his car, a statement from the militia said Friday. The SLA statement, published by Beirut newspapers, said the charge went off Thursday as Alameddine Badawi and his bodyguard drove through the western entrance to the southern village of Hasbaya. It said the two men escaped unharmed.

### U.S. to study any Arafat visa request

WASHINGTON (R) — A visa request by Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat to address the United Nations in New York will be "severely scrutinized," the U.S. State Department said Thursday. However, under repeated questioning by reporters, spokesman Charles Redman refused to explain what the statement meant. He said the State Department had been requested by the United Nations to facilitate issuance of a visa for Arafat but that no formal application had yet been made. Arab diplomats have said Arafat was expected to seek a visa so that he could address the U.N. General Assembly on the Palestinian question later this year.

### Rome court confirms sentences for attack

ROME (R) — An Italian court Friday rejected appeals by Abu Nidal and a senior lieutenant against life sentences for masterminding a 1985 attack in which 16 people died at Rome airport. Judicial officials said the Rome appeal court also confirmed a 30-year jail sentence on the sole surviving guerrilla from a four-man commando which attacked Israeli and U.S. airline check-in counters with automatic weapons and hand grenades on Dec. 27, 1985.

### Chinese, Thai premiers hold talks

BANGKOK (AP) — Chinese Premier Li Peng Friday urged Vietnam to commit itself to a "fixed timetable" on withdrawing all its troops from Kampuchea, striking a comparison to a pullout plan by Soviet forces from Afghanistan, Thai officials said. "The timetable would impose a clearer framework and the sooner this is done, the better," Li was quoted as saying. China has said it wants all Vietnamese forces to leave Kampuchea by June next year. Vietnam has said it will complete its pullout by 1990.

### Bush sends telegram to Gorbachev

MOSCOW (R) — U.S. President-elect George Bush sent a telegram to Mikhail Gorbachev saying he was looking forward to working with the Soviet leader, the official news agency TASS reported Friday. Bush also thanked Gorbachev for his congratulations, sent in a telegram to Washington Wednesday after the Republican vice-president won the presidential election. "The president-elect said in the telegram that he remembered all his previous contacts with Gorbachev with pleasure and was looking forward to working jointly with the Soviet leader on a wide range of issues of mutual interest to their countries," TASS said.

### Bonn parliament president resigns

BONN (AP) — West Germany's parliament president resigned Friday under intense pressure at home and from abroad, after bluntly recalling that many Germans initially felt Adolf Hitler had brought them "glorious times." Parliament President Philipp Jenninger's speech also called the early years of the Nazi Third Reich a "triumphal procession."



His Majesty King Hussein is received upon his return home Friday by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and senior officials (Petra photo)

## Baz visits Jordan for exchange of views and consultations

AMMAN (Petra) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Farouk El Baz arrived here Friday on a working visit during which he will hold talks with senior Jordanian officials.

In an arrival statement, Baz paid tribute to Jordanian-Egyptian relations and said his visit comes within the framework of bilateral consultations and exchange of views on recent developments in the region.

There is a pan-Arab vision of the situation in the Arab and its basic issues, including the Palestinian question, the situation in Lebanon and peace in the Gulf region, Baz said.

On the Palestinian issue, Baz said two new developments had recently come up, the first being the meeting of the Palestine National Council and the consultations that took place prior to its convening, and the second being the outcome of the Israeli elections which demands a thorough and comprehensive study.

Baz said that events in Lebanon were accelerating and the situation was aggravating. "Dangers of division are in sight and are clearer this time, more than any other time in the past," he said.

On the Iraq-Iran peace talks, Baz said: "We are following up on the efforts made by Iraq to reach at a comprehensive agreement that guarantees an end to the war and not just a ceasefire."

He voiced Egypt's unequivocal support for Iraq and said Jordan and Egypt stand in one trench with the Iraqi leadership in its efforts to achieve security and stability in the Gulf region.

He said many contacts at the international level had been made and that Egypt found it necessary to review them with Jordanian officials with a view to agreeing on the best method for supporting Iraqi diplomatic efforts.

Baz said the Egyptian position in this regard was based on the understanding that Iraq does not impose harsh and unjust conditions but presents a comprehensive perception for ending the war. Baz said the Iraqi position deserves international support.

In answer to a question on Palestinian options as presented to the PNC and whether there is joint Jordanian-Egyptian-Palestinian coordination, Baz said: "This issue is left to the Palestinian people and to their leadership. However, Egypt and Jordan fully recognise the right of the Palestinian people to take whatever decisions they may deem fit because this is the true translation of the right to self-determination."

Baz said the Palestinian people have the right to establish their own state in accordance with international legitimacy.

Baz noted that the most important thing for Arabs was to provide the best circumstances for the Palestinian people to enable them to practice their right to self-determination and to establish their own state.

## PNC gathers in Algiers

ALGIERS (Agencies) — Members of the Palestine National Council (PNC) gathered here Friday to open a crucial session of the council which is expected to issue a declaration of independence for the Israeli-occupied territories.

Members of the 448-seat PNC are expected to make the announcement Monday or Tuesday.

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials say they will take U.N. General Assembly Resolution 181 of 1947 as the basis of the state in international law but leave the exact borders open to negotiation.

"Palestinians have a right to a state, all other details can be negotiated," said Bassam Abu Sharif, chief spokesman for PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Abu Sharif spoke to a group of reporters at the heavily guarded seaside conference centre west of Algiers where the PNC meeting was scheduled to begin Saturday and end Tuesday.

He also warned of what he said were new Israeli plans to assassinate top PLO leaders.

He said the plan, called "Best Hit," was targeted first at Arafat and that one attempt already had been made recently. He would not say when or where.

"We are alert, but we are not afraid of them," he said.

"This PNC will legislate beyond doubt the line that has

their right to self-determination and to establish their own state.

"The world should be convinced that the establishment of the Palestinian state does not pose a threat to the security of Israel. On the contrary, it constitutes an important guarantee for security and stability in the region," he said.

However, he noted, the establishment of that state is not only a legal or moral issue but also a political issue that contributes to the security and stability of the region. Experiences over the past 30 years have proved that violence does not solve the problem, neither does it serve the cause of any party, and that is why a peaceful solution is the one and the only clue that achieves balance between the interests of all parties concerned," he said.

Baz said Israel, with all its parties and blocs, is responsible for whatever results might come up as a result of the ongoing coalition consultations between the various Israeli parties. However, he said: "We will press ahead with our efforts to achieve peace because we believe in our right to restore the freedom of the Palestinian people and we have never expected any gift from any Israeli party."

He stressed any increased tension in the occupied territories or escalation of violence against the Palestinian people living there, would reflect negatively on Israel itself rather than others.

## Israel mounts massive clampdown on eve of PNC

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israel poured hundreds of troops into Jerusalem's walled Old City Friday and the army sealed off the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to try to prevent demonstrations on the eve of meetings of the Palestine National Council (PNC).

Soldiers also detained hundreds of Palestinians to block and occupation protests during the four-day PNC meeting, which begins Saturday in Algiers.

The PNC is expected to declare an independent Palestinian state. Hundreds of soldiers dressed in combat gear streamed into the

Arab Jerusalem armed with assault rifles and automatic weapons. Many carried backpacks and bedding, apparently for setting up temporary camps inside the ancient walls.

An AP photographer also reported dozens of extra police were deployed, many carrying automatic weapons equipped with tear-gas grenade launchers.

The army announced that the entire Gaza Strip was closed effective at 9 p.m. (1700 GMT) Friday, and that an indefinite curfew was clamped on the coastal area's 650,000 residents. The order barred journalists from enter-

ing Gaza without an army escort.

The actions did not affect Gaza's 6,000 Jewish settlers, who were permitted to move freely.

Troops also barred West Bank Palestinians from entering Jerusalem, erecting roadblocks at all entry points to the city. Army officials said the occupied territory's 1.4 million Palestinians were banned from travelling freely in the West Bank.

An AP reporter saw three checkpoints on the Bethlehem-Jerusalem highway turning away Jerusalem-bound cars with blue West Bank licence plates.

will give further legality."

The PLO spokesman said the organisation's contacts recently indicated that all of the countries who voted at the United Nations for the international conference "are ready to recognise us. There will be more states recognising us than recognise Israel."

Abu Sharif said that while it's too early to tell what the approach of the new administration of George Bush will be in Washington, there had been some positive signs

## Wheels in motion for Bush-Reagan transition

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — White House Chief of Staff Kenneth Duberstein and later attended a cabinet meeting. The president-elect also huddled with Craig Fuller and Bob Teeter, leaders of his transition office.

Vice President-elect Dan Quayle also met with leaders of Bush's transition team.

The Bush transition office officially opens for business Monday in a rented suite of offices a few blocks from the White House.

But work was already under way as security guards erected metal detectors and a desk was set up at the entrance where a volunteer collected resumes from job-seekers.

The vice-president made his first cabinet appointment on Wednesday, naming campaign chairman James A. Baker to be

## King returns after talks on Arab issues with Gulf leaders

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein returned home Friday after a visit to the Arab Gulf where he held talks with the leaders of Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman on the latest developments in the Arab scene, means to boost joint Arab action and bilateral relations.

The King's talks with Kuwait's Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, Bahrain's Sheikh Isa Ibn Salman Al Khalifa, Qatar's Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Hamad Al Thani and Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sa'id of Oman covered the progress of peace talks between Iran and Iraq, the ongoing Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, the situation in Lebanon, various Arab and international developments and bilateral relations, as well as joint Arab action, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.

The King was received at Amman airport by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai, Upper House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, ministers, the King's private chamberlain, and senior civilian and military officials.

The King was earlier seen off from Muscat by Sultan Qaboos, Sultan Qaboos' personal representative Thwaini Ibn Suhab,



His Majesty King Hussein is seen off upon his departure from Muscat Friday by Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sa'id of Oman (Petra photo)

Deputy Prime Minister for Security and Defence Affairs Fahd Ibn Taymour, Deputy Prime Minister for Legal Affairs Fahd Ibn Mahmoud Al Sa'id, the chief of the sultan's court, a number of senior officials, and the Jordanian ambassador to Oman.

## Celebrations begin today to mark King's birthday

AMMAN (Petra) — Celebrations marking His Majesty King Hussein's birthday begin Sunday, when the King opens three major projects — a coins museum at the Central Bank of Jordan, the King Abdullah Gardens Complex and a new radio transmission station in Kharrarah, east of Amman.

The King's birthday falls Monday, Nov. 14, when celebrations will be held everywhere in the Kingdom.

## Iran-Iraq talks adjourn with little breakthrough

GENEVA (R) — U.N. mediator Jan Eliasson adjourned Gulf peace talks Friday after failing to make major progress and urged Iraq and Iran to try harder for a breakthrough.

"I hope very much that both sides realise the importance of keeping this process going forward," the Swedish envoy told a news conference after two weeks of talks, the third round since a ceasefire in the eight-year war took effect Aug. 20.

"On the major issues confronting us, we have not been able to achieve a breakthrough or major progress," Eliasson said.

The U.N. team of mediators had given compromise suggestions to the two sides, he said, "but I again want to stress that the main responsibility lies with the parties."

The only tangible result of this round of talks was an agreement, reached in discussions with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), to exchange the few thousand sick prisoners of war (PoWs) but not the 100,000 who are well.

Delegates said this had improved the atmosphere of the negotiations, which Eliasson described as constructive, sober and positive.

In virtually every meeting, U.N. officials said, the two countries merely restated or "clarified" their positions but offered no hint of compromise in the search for a permanent peace to replace a fragile ceasefire.

Nevertheless, Eliasson said,

the two ministers reaffirmed their commitment to that ceasefire, and agreed to meet again in December or January at a time to be set by U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

"Both sides have come to the conclusion that there can be no gains on the battlefield, that there can only be gains at the negotiation table," he said. "I hope that with every day this realisation goes deeper. Certainly we are moving in the direction of peace, but we have to move faster."

He said contacts with the two sides would continue during the recess to try to ensure the next

session would be fruitful. He asked the parties to use the recess for deep reflection.

Eliasson, 48, will return to New York at the weekend and report to Perez de Cuellar, who will then inform the Security Council of the status of negotiations.

An Iraqi newspaper urged Iran Friday to accept a full-scale exchange of prisoners of war for the sake of suffering families.

"Iran should stop procrastination and give up trading with human issues," said Al Thawra, newspaper of the ruling Arab Baath Party.

## Aoun threatens new army commander

BEIRUT (Agencies) — The military cabinet of Lebanon's dual government Friday rejected the replacement of army commander Michel Aoun, threatening to bring the substitute to trial.

A statement issued by the three-man interim "cabinet" said it has authorised General Aoun, who is its prime minister, to "take the necessary legal measures" to bring newly appointed army commander Major-General Sami Khatib to trial.

Khatib, 55, a retired officer, was named Wednesday acting army commander of the 42,000-strong army by Adel Ossairan, defence minister in the five-man cabinet of Prime Minister Salim

Hoss. "This step is a grave national error that will produce adverse repercussions hurting the unity of the country and the state," said the statement by Aoun's "cabinet."

The dispute deepens a political crisis triggered by parliament's failure to elect a successor to President Amin Gemayel before his six-year-term expired Sept. 23. Gemayel appointed the cabinet headed by Aoun, which rival factions rejected by continuing to recognise Hoss as prime minister.

Political analysts said Friday's statement's reference to legal measures meant a court martial. They also said the row dimmed prospects for a political settlement to the crisis and worsened splits within the army, already divided on sectarian lines.

Aoun commands five mainly-Christian brigades with about 15,000 soldiers, who are better trained and equipped than the five mostly-Muslim brigades of the same size led by Khatib.

Speaking to reporters after the "cabinet" meeting, Aoun attacked U.S. envoy Richard Murphy for continuing to recognise the Hoss administration, describing him as "a failure who did not wish to admit he failed."

"The American, like anybody else, blames others whenever he fails. Murphy still insists on the existence of two governments in Lebanon and I am surprised at the inability of a senior State Department official to comprehend the constitution," Aoun said.



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## NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

**KING CONDOLES IBN ALI:** His Majesty King Hussein Thursday cabled condolences to Tunisian President Zain Al Abidin Ibn Ali on the death of his mother. The King wished the Tunisian president good health and long life. (Petra)

**ENVOY TO MALI:** A Royal Decree has been passed endorsing the appointment of Jordan's Ambassador to Algeria Awad Abu Baid as non-resident extraordinary and plenipotentiary ambassador to Mali. (Petra)

**ROYAL DECORATIONS ISSUED:** A Royal Decree was Thursday issued bestowing royal decorations on nine employees of the Amman Development Corporation in appreciation for their efforts in accomplishing the project of King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein Complex and Public Gardens. (Petra)

**APPOINTMENT APPROVED:** The Cabinet has approved the appointment of Mohammad Abdul Hamid Al Sari as mayor of North Shuna. (Petra)

**CHINESE TEAM IN AQABA:** A visiting Chinese military delegation visited Aqaba and other military regions in southern Jordan Thursday. The delegation members were briefed on the Armed Forces duties and the role of the coast guard. Later they visited the Marine Science Station which is operated by the University of Jordan and Yarmouk University, and were accompanied on a tour of archaeological sites. (Petra)

**COMBATING LOCUSTS:** The second part of the educational programme on the dangers of locust Thursday began at the Agriculture Ministry National Centre for Research and Technology. Lectures were delivered on means to combat locust and the preparations the Agriculture Ministry has undertaken in this regard. (Petra)

## Khayyat, Indonesian minister visit King Abdullah Mosque

AMMAN (Petra) — Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Khayyat accompanied Indonesian Religious Affairs Minister Munawir Sjadzali on a visit to the King Abdullah Martyr's Mosque.

The Indonesian guest was briefed on the mosque's construction costs, stages, and design. The Indonesian guest and the accompanying delegation Thursday visited the tombs of the Prophet Mohammad's Companions in north Ghor region.

He was briefed on the companions' biographies, and the role the Awqaf and Islamic Affairs plays in renovating the tombs. He also visited King Hussein Bridge

and Jerash where he was briefed on the historic sites and the attention the Jordanian government pays to these sites.

During the tour he was accompanied by senior officials from the Awqaf and the Islamic Affairs Ministry, and the Indonesian ambassador in Amman.

In another development, Her Majesty Queen Noor Thursday received the wife of the Indonesian Religious Affairs Minister Mrs. Sjadzali at Al Nadwa Palace. The meeting was attended by the wives of the prime minister, the Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Minister, and the Indonesian ambassador in Amman.

## Ambassador to India presents credentials

NEW DELHI (Petra) — India's President Ramaswamy Venkatarman has paid tribute to the ties of friendship and cooperation between India and Jordan.

Speaking at a ceremony here to receive the credentials of Sultan Majid as Jordan's ambassador to India, the president said that visit to the country by His Majesty King Hussein and His Royal Highness Crown Prince

Hassan contributed to strengthening bilateral ties and boosting cooperation between the two sides in various fields.

The president requested the ambassador to convey greetings to the King and the Jordanian people. Majid, who conveyed King Hussein's greetings to the President, voiced Jordan's keenness on bolstering bilateral cooperation.

## Queen Noor visits schools at Zarqa military camp

ZARQA (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Thursday visited Al Hussein preparatory and secondary schools at Zarqa Military Camp which were founded in 1950 and met with the students and teaching staff and inspected various activities and school sections.

The Queen, accompanied by Zarqa Governor Eid Qataneh and other officials first called at the preparatory school for girls and watched national dancing and class room activities and chatted with children.

Later, the Queen called at the secondary school and opened a museum that displays maps of Jordan and models of tourist and archaeological sites in the Kingdom. She called at the school's exhibition which displays implements and equipment used in the badia and rural regions in Jordan.

Queen Noor received at Al Nadwa Palace Thursday two highly experienced textile designers who are on a three-week visit to Jordan at the invitation of

the Noor Al Hussein Foundation's (NHF) National Handicraft Development Project.

They were accompanied by Project Director David O'Connor, who briefed Queen Noor on progress being made in the project over the last four months and presented to the Queen samples of weaving and embroidery designs which were developed during the experts' stay in Jordan.

During their stay in Jordan, Docey Lewis and Elizabeth Macquinn held numerous meetings with local handicraft producers to determine the current state of the industry in Jordan.

They also visited various archaeological sites to familiarise themselves with the country's cultural heritage in order to incorporate this history into the designs they develop.

The designers were also sourcing raw materials to determine cost and availability in a bid to investigate the feasibility of producing some of them locally.

The NHF Handicrafts Development Project, which is being

implemented in cooperation with Save the Children (USA), seeks to stimulate the growth of handicrafts through market development, visible promotional activities, training in the most efficient skills and technology, and the coordination of activities among the organisations and individuals with whom it is associated.

Last week, the two experts organised a workshop at the Jerash Handicrafts Centre of the Jerash Benevolent Society, to develop new designs for weaving and embroidery.

The three-day workshop was attended by 15 women engaged in producing rugs, pillow cases, dresses, purses, and other products.

Mrs. Lewis is president of Ima Designs, Inc. (Philippines) and its affiliate the Connecticut-based Docey Lewis Designs. Mrs. Macquinn is developer, owner and designer of Mandatory Touches, Inc. of the Philippines. They both have had vast experience in textile design.

The Bani Hamideh Women's Weaving Project, for instance, is a new Jordanian cottage industry which involves 375 recently settled bedouin women. Seventy-five kilometres from Amman, they live in twelve villages scattered across the top of Jabal Bani Hamideh, south of Madaba and Mt. Nebo, overlooking the Dead Sea.

The weaving project was begun in late 1985 to promote and revive handicrafts in Jordan while providing opportunities for families to increase their incomes.

The women practice their craft, a heritage passed down from mother to daughter for centuries, as spinners, dyers, loomsetters, and weavers. A loom breed of young bedouin women, the first in their tribe to attend school, are being trained as village supervisors and to help manage the project.

The project is based in the home to allow mothers to participate while tending their children and their flocks. It is at the same time helping to revive a dying craft.

The women produce by hand rugs, cushions and wall hangings of 100 per cent wool from the sheep of Bani Hamideh.

From the 25th to the Nov. 27 the Bani Hamideh women will be holding their Annual Fall Rug Exhibition in South Shuneh in the Jordan Valley from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.



Products of Bani Hamideh women's weaving project

## Arabic coin exhibition opens on Nov. 15

AMMAN (J.T.) — Under the patronage of Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zeid and Princess Majda Ra'd, the Swedish Embassy in Amman announces the opening of an exhibition of unique Arabic coins recently found in Sweden, where they were buried a thousand years ago.

The opening will take place in the Coin Museum of the Central Bank on Nov. 15, 1988. The exhibition will highlight the links between the Arab World and

Sweden during the Viking Era, i.e. 800 - 1150 A.D.

The exhibition will display photographs of many of the 80,000 silver and gold coins found in Sweden and originating from eight Arab countries — Oman, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco.

On display will also be original coins and some objectives that symbolise these early links. The exhibition is in fact a Scandinavian-Jordanian event since the old Vikings originated from

all Scandinavian countries. Prince Ra'd and Princess Majda are honorary presidents of the Jordanian-Scandinavian Friendship Association in Amman.

A set of Norwegian Viking Posters provided by the Norwegian Embassy in Cairo will be shown together with the Coin Exhibition.

In connection with the opening of the exhibition a lecture on the trade relations between the Vikings and the Arabs will be given in Arabic by the Swedish Professor Dr. Bengt Knutsson.

## Majali to attend Interpol meeting

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan is taking part in the 57th meeting of the International Police INTERPOL general assembly meeting which is due to convene in Bangkok on Thursday.

The week-long meeting will discuss the organisation's programmes and a general report on the current year and plans for 1989, in addition to specific steps to be taken to curtail drug trafficking, economic crimes and currency counterfeiting.

Jordan is to be represented at the coming meeting by Public Security Department (PSD)

Director General Abdul Hadi Al Majali who left Amman for the Thai capital at the head of a delegation from his department.

Meanwhile, a report in Al Ra'i newspaper said that customs officials have been trying to bring in a haul of medicine from Iraq and to smuggle foreign made cigarettes from Lebanon.

The paper quoted Shaker Sweileh, director of the customs departments' smuggling division, as saying that the security authorities apprehended a man trying to smuggle in the medicine worth at

least JD 1,758 and admitted that he had three accomplices.

Under interrogation the man, which the paper did not identify, named pharmacies which he said were to receive the smuggled medicine.

Al Ra'i quoted Sweileh as saying that smuggling attempts were on the increase lately following the rise in price of drugs at private pharmacies.

The official told Al Ra'i that the cigarettes were seized while being smuggled into the country through Lebanon and Syria. They were worth at least JD 3,716.

## U.N. assembly must support UNRWA activities, Salah says

NEW YORK (Petra) — Jordan's U.N. Ambassador Abdullah Salah Thursday described a report to the U.N. General Assembly by a U.N. official in charge of an agency providing relief and other services to the Palestinian refugees, as a call on the international community to contribute towards solving this humanitarian issue.

In an address to the U.N. General Assembly's Political Committee Salah said that the refugees problem resulted from the Palestine question some 40 years ago and that the international community ought to offer more help to end the current sufferings of the Palestinians.

The U.N. General Assembly had earlier heard a report on the condition of refugees by the commissioner general of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees (UNRWA) Giorgio Giacomelli, who referred in particular to the plight of the refugees in the occupied territories.

Salah said that the General Assembly since 1948 had tried to repatriate the refugees but Israel has been adamant and continues to reject any resolution that

would re-establish the rights of the Palestinians in their homeland.

The current uprising in the occupied territories calls for immediate and speedy action on the part of the General Assembly to help UNRWA maintain its services to the refugees, Salah said. He called on the international community to increase its donation to the agency whose 1988 budget is not sufficient to cover the services for the refugees.

**DRUGS CONVICTION:** The military court has sentenced George Abdo Rahbani to 15 years of hard labour and fined him JD 20,000 in absence for smuggling heroin. (Petra)

## ISESCO begins 3rd conference today

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — The third conference of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO) will open Saturday at the Royal Cultural Centre in Amman under the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein with the participation of delegates from 37 Islamic states and numerous Arab, Islamic and international organisations.

The four-day meetings will discuss a host of subjects related to culture education and the organisation's activities, in addition to the ISESCO Director General's report.

The delegates are expected to introduce amendments to the organisation's charter and review subcommittee reports on the ISESCO's financial, administrative and legal programmes and reports from the secretariat about plans in Islamic education, information and culture.

ISESCO's executive council paved the way for Saturday's meetings by a three-day session which prepared the agenda for the detailed discussions.

According to the Jordan News Agency, the council's meetings which ended here Thursday unanimously approved plans to provide protection to Islamic and cultural heritage and cultural institutions in the occupied Arab territories.

The delegates endorsed a three year budget for the organisation and re-elected Abdul Hadi

Boutaleb to serve as the organisation's director general for the coming three years.

The conference, which opens Saturday, will make a general review of the organisation's status and programmes at the conclusion of its six years of existence, and will pave the way for enabling it to play a leading role in Islamic solidarity, according to Boutaleb.

He said that the conference will tackle the question of equivalence of certificates issued by educational institutions in the Islamic World, at three year plan for the organisation's activities, an agreement between ISESCO and Morocco on the organisation's headquarters in Rabat and a 1988-1991 budget and internal statutes.

On the executive council are 20 members, including Jordan.

## Papoulias: Greece to help revive efforts for Middle East peace

AMMAN (Petra) — Greek Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias Thursday wound up a two-day visit to Jordan and left Amman after pledging to do all he can through the European Community to help revive efforts for a Middle East peace.

In a pre-departure statement Papoulias said that his country will play an effective role towards convening an international Middle East peace conference, especially as Greece now holds the

rotating presidency of the European Community.

He said Greece has strong historic links with the Arab World and will do all it can to support just Arab causes.

On Thursday, the Greek minister was received by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai with whom he discussed Middle East developments and the role which the European Community can play in promoting the peace process in the Middle East. Foreign Minister Taher

Al Masri, who also met with Papoulias discussed the Middle East and bilateral cooperation.

The Greek minister was received by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan the Regent and met with other officials during his two day visit here.

Upon his departure the Greek minister was seen off by Masri and senior officials from the Foreign Ministry as well as Greek embassy staff.



## Khleifat urges promotion of sports

MINISTER of Youth Awad Khleifat Thursday opened the new premises of Mu'ta Sports Club in Karak and said his ministry will support all youth and sports activities in Jordan. The minister urged sports clubs in the regions to coordinate

their efforts to promote youth and sports activities. Khleifat reviewed the Ministry of Youth's programme and urged the private sector to join the national effort to promote sports in the Kingdom.



## Art exhibition opens

Her Royal Highness Princess Wijdan Al Thunayan opened a ten-day art exhibition by artist Mohammad Samara at Alla Art Gallery. The exhibition includes 53 oil paintings and souvenirs depicting Jordanian way of life in addition to paintings showing the people's suffering in the occupied West Bank. (Petra photo)

## WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

### ART EXHIBITIONS

- ★ An art exhibition by Mohammad Samara at Alla Art Gallery — 5:00 p.m.
- ★ A plastic art exhibition by Iyad Al Masri at the Housing Bank Complex.
- ★ A children's painting exhibition at Hittin Refugee Camp public library.
- ★ An exhibition of iconographies, signs and public places by the German artist Otto Herbert Hajek at the Professional Association Complex — 6:00 p.m.

### OTHER EXHIBITIONS

- ★ A literary exhibition held on the occasion of the centennial birthday of the British poet T.S. Eliot at the Exhibition Hall, the University of Jordan.
- ★ The Egyptian book exhibition at the Arab Club, Friday.

### POETRY

- ★ A poetry recitation by the Jordanian poets Ali Al Battiri and Habib Al Zayoudi at Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation — 6:30 p.m.

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## Bush: down to business

RELATIVE Arab satisfaction with the election of George Bush as the 41st president of the United States rather than Michael Dukakis could be borne out by more than one manifestation.

To begin with, Mr. Bush did not receive solid Jewish vote as was earlier projected. According to some polls taken in the wake of the U.S. presidential election last Tuesday, Mr. Bush lost the Jewish vote to Michael Dukakis by approximately 70-30 per cent. This is to be compared with the 33 per cent that incumbent President Ronald Reagan received from Jewish voters in the past two presidential elections. But this is not all.

The consensus among Israeli leaders is that the new administration in Washington is likely to be less sympathetic towards Israel than the present one. What bothered Israeli and Jewish leaders was the first act by President-elect George Bush appointing Mr. James Baker as the new Secretary of State.

Israeli and Jewish observers consider Baker, like Bush, as being less sympathetic and supportive of Israel than the outgoing Secretary of State George Shultz.

Judging by past experiences with both Democratic and Republican administrations, there is very little difference between the two towards Arab national issues. With the Democrats consolidating their grip on both U.S. Houses of Congress the Arab World is again confronted with a no-win situation in Washington. The only thing left for the Arab Nation to do in the face of the on-going uncertainties in Washington and elsewhere is still to forge a powerful and enlightened Arab front that would engage all foreign capitals, whether hostile or friendly.

As for President-elect George Bush, protocol niceties require that he be congratulated on his election. However, real and genuine congratulations would be due when he begins to exercise his powers as the chief executive of the United States in the most positive and enlightened manner towards all regions of the world, including ours.



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### Friday's

Al Ra'i daily Friday discussed the on-going uprising in the occupied Arab territories and said that it has now become an organized revolution designed to end Israel's presence in Arab land. The uprising which has now entered its 12th month is stronger than the repressive measures of the Israelis against our people who are struggling for their freedom and their lands, the paper said. Indeed the situation prevailing in the occupied territories serves as a call on the Arab Nation to rise up and face the new reality and to join forces in the fight against the common enemy for the sake of achieving peace in the Middle East, said the paper. Building up the Arab strength requires organized action with which the Arabs can confront their common enemy and can also help settle the Lebanese crisis and bring peace to the Gulf region, the paper added. The revolution in the occupied territories, the paper concluded, should be regarded by the Arabs as an incentive for them to double their efforts and rely on their own economic and military power to regain their rights.

The editor of Al Ra'i Arabic daily comments Friday on the election of George Bush as the new president of the United States. Bush's election as president came as no surprise to us; as by all standards, he was qualified for the post being an Anglo-Saxon, white and a Protestant, says Rakan Al Majali. More importantly, Bush is backed by a long period of hard experience not only as vice president but also as head of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), a post which led him in to the top secrets of the state, the writer adds. But what is expected from Bush now as he says is to fulfil his country's objectives; we have to wait and see if he will be able to safeguard the interests of American people by freeing America from the Zionist lobby, the secret financial forces and the monopoly of cartels that have created so many complications in the lives of the American people.

Al Dustour commented on Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's address to the People's Council in Egypt in which he paid tribute to King Hussein's wisdom and courage. Mubarak who outlined his country's stand vis-a-vis Arab issues, said that Jordan's position was a source of pride for the Arab Nation and similar to that of Egypt in terms of Arab causes. Mubarak repeated his country's demands and those of Jordan and the rest of the Arab Nation for a just and durable peace based on Israel's withdrawal from all occupied Arab lands and the recognition of the Palestinian people's rights in their homeland, the paper noted. It said that Jordan has no alternative but to work in concert with Egypt and the rest of the Arab countries for the sake of achieving the nation's goals and objectives.

Sawt Al Shaab daily commented also on Mubarak's speech to the People's Council in Cairo. Mubarak who paid tribute to King Hussein for his wise policies and his endeavours to serve the Arab Nation has at the same time underlined the need for continued consultations among Arab leaders to bolster solidarity and to maintain consensus, the paper noted. It said that the president's speech was another step in Egypt's endeavours to back the King's relentless efforts at all levels to serve his nation.

## For Bush, getting there may have been the easy part

By Michael Gelb  
Reuter

WASHINGTON — If the political pundits are right, George Bush may discover that his difficult climb to the White House was the easy part.

Nearly 10 years after setting out after the presidency by seeking the 1980 Republican nomination that went to Ronald Reagan, Bush has finally reached his goal by cruising past Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis in a campaign viewed as one of the nastiest in modern times.

Although unable to match President Reagan's 49-state landslide, the president elect chalked up an impressive triumph.

But political experts say he may yet be forced to pay for a negative and issueless campaign that took him to the White House without a clear policy mandate and that the honeymoon traditionally accorded new presidents be short for him.

"He's not going to have any mandate at all," says former Democratic White House press secretary George Reedy. "He hasn't campaigned for anything other than to save the country from Dukakis."

"That's not much of a guidepost," added Reedy, now a Marquette University professor who has written extensively on the presidency and Congress.

Senate Republican leader Robert Dole, who opposed Bush for the party's presidential nomination, said the increase in the Democratic majority in the Senate spelled trouble for the incoming president.

"It is going to be tougher for George Bush than he thought,"

he told ABC television.

Other than a few modest proposals to offer tax preferences to encourage savings and a sharp cut in capital gains taxes to boost investment, Bush's domestic policy agenda consists primarily of a vow to resist tax increases.

"Read my lips — no new taxes," he repeated time and again on the campaign trail.

His only plan for reducing a massive federal budget deficit that economists say poses a major threat to continued prosperity is a "flexible freeze" that would hold the line on overall spending.

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Bush has already let it be known he will give short shrift to the bipartisan National Economic Commission, set up by Congress last year to devise a deficit reduction plan, if it suggests higher taxes.

His stance has drawn criticism from the panel's Democratic Chairman Robert Strauss, one of Washington's most influential political figures, as well as Dole, who lost out to Bush in the battle for the Republican presidential nomination.

The embryonic feud with the economic panel — which most political experts say could have provided perfect cover for Bush to ease his resistance to new taxes — bodes ill for his ability to work with a Congress controlled by the opposition party.

While Bush has pledged to seek a budget accord with Congress, experts say a deal will be impossible unless it includes action to raise new revenues.

Bush also heads to the White House without any specific proposals for reducing a massive U.S. trade imbalance.

He has railed against protectionism, a position that would seem to put him at odds with a Congress that last year enacted a measure providing for tougher steps against alleged unfair actions by U.S. trade partners.

In fact, it seems likely that the country's domestic policy agenda will be set by Congress, just as it was in the final years of Reagan's presidency when the legislators repeatedly ignored the chief executive's desires.

According to Congressional Quarterly, Reagan's position prevailed on just 43.5 per cent of roll-call votes in 1987, the last year for which figures have been compiled. It was the first time in 25 years a president lost more than he won.

Reagan won on 82 per cent of roll call votes in 1981, his first year in office, after a campaign in which he set forth a specific agenda with a vow to cut taxes and raise defence spending.

Bush's ties to the popular Reagan, who will leave office with the highest approval rating of any president since Dwight Eisenhower 28 years ago, were instrumental in his victory.

Polls showed Bush's popularity moving in tandem with his political patron's throughout the campaign. An NBC television exit poll of voters Tuesday said the president-elect had the backing of 86 per cent of those who approved of Reagan's performance in the Oval Office.

But the avuncular Reagan is the proverbial tough act to follow, the more so for a man elected largely to continue the old

leader's policies.

Bush is expected to pack his cabinet with holdovers from the Reagan era, and may find it hard to provide Americans with a sense of freshness and new momentum.

Republican political analyst Kevin Phillips says presidents who came to power after their party had already held the White House for two straight terms have "tended to be failures because the party's domestic agenda was running out of steam or headed for a fall."

When checkmated on the domestic front, presidents have searched for triumphs in foreign policy where Congress has less power to limit their actions.

But Bush's staunch support for the Star Wars anti-missile defence system would seem to be a serious bar to any new nuclear arms accords with Moscow and nobody seems to have any magic formula for settling the Middle East conflict or freeing Americans held hostage there — the most obvious opportunities for foreign policy triumphs.

A contrary view is offered by Stephen Hess, a government and politics expert at the private Brookings Institution.

Hess says Bush and his staff will benefit from their prior experience in Washington and says "they won't have to reinvent the wheel."

He also argues that the nastiness of the campaign will soon fade from public memory.

"It's fascinating the degree to which a president-elect starts with a clean slate," Hess says. "It's as if the campaign is a blackboard and the election is a giant eraser."

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#### Asian floods

This year's floods in the Ganges delta, affecting Bangladesh and north-west India, were particularly severe, with three-quarters of Bangladesh under water as well as parts of India's capital territory.

Experts have urged the Egyptian government not to be complacent about a heaven-sent monsoon. A few further "dry" years would wipe out the gain and again leave the country thirsty.

The perennial problem of Ganges flooding is compounded by political differences of

approach between India and Bangladesh and the volatile anti-Indian feeling generated among Bangladeshis by the presence of the Farakka barrage about 11 kilometres from their border in the Indian state of West Bengal. Many Bangladeshis claim that their country is being gradually destroyed, not only by a dam which controls the flow of the Ganges to Bangladesh, but also by Indian ways of dealing with the issue.

However, hope has been raised by a recent agreement between the Indian and Bangladeshi leaders to set up a study group with instructions to report in six months on ways of avoiding the floods.

On the other hand, a joint river commission set up ten years ago has so far failed to produce any satisfactory ideas, and Bangladeshis remain opposed to an Indian plan to divert the waters of the Brahmaputra behind the Farakka barrage; this would give India control of both major rivers flowing through Bangladesh.

President Ershad of Bangladesh has called on India, Nepal, Bhutan and China to work towards a comprehensive regional solution to flood disasters. He described Bangladesh's floods as a "man-made curse" partly caused by deforestation of the Himalayas — Lion features.

## Bhutto's train tour is station master's nightmare

By Ibrahim Khan  
Reuter

SADIQABAD, Pakistan — It was a station master's nightmare. First the Khyber mail arrived six hours late. Then thousands of people beating drums and waving flags swamped his station.

The cause of the commotion was the arrival of Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto.

Travelling by train, the 35-year-old politician made life difficult for station masters — from Karachi on the coast to Rawalpindi in the north — as she drew crowds at campaign rallies last week for the Nov. 16 general election.

Tens of thousands of supporters of her Pakistan People's Party (PPP) mobbed her train at halts along the line, waving her portrait and the party's red, black and green flag.

At Sadiqabad, midway between Karachi and Lahore, supporters swarmed onto carriages, pulled the emergency chain, and refused to let the train go. The guard flapped his green flag angrily and the engine-driver whistled in vain.

The crowd let off firecrackers, chanted and danced on the platform and refused to climb down from carriage roofs.

Police resorted to mild baton charges to get the train moving again.

Women, who lead sheltered lives in small, rural towns in Pakistan, carried their babies to see Bhutto.

Standing at the open carriage

door, Bhutto urged the crowd to mark the PPP electoral symbol, an arrow, on their polling papers.

"Victory to Benazir," the crowd sang.

Peasants in the green sugarcane and rice fields of Sind and Punjab broke off harvesting to wave. Women in the all-enveloping "burka" veil worn by strict Muslims joined the crowds.

About 150 people travelled on the roof. They were underdressed when the mail switched from diesel to electric near the town of Multan.

Two were killed by a low-hung cable bridge. But the deaths did not diminish the warmth of the welcome from an estimated 30,000 people at Multan.

Inside her air-conditioned carriage, there was little rest for Bhutto as journalists seeking interviews joined the dozen bodyguards and aides travelling with her.

The daughter of executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto has been in delicate health since giving birth to her first child on Sept. 21. Her son Bilawal stayed at home in Karachi with her husband Asif Zardari.

After more than 24 hours the Khyber mail reached the Punjab provincial capital Lahore, 1,220 kilometres from Karachi. It was eight hours late, but more than 20,000 PPP supporters waited into the small hours to greet her.

After a break of seven hours and more speeches, Bhutto was off again for a second day's whistle-stopping. There were 11 more

stops, speeches and cheering crowds before she reached Rawalpindi, somewhat hoarse.

Political analysts said the train campaigning, not used in Pakistan since 1964, had underlined the continuing commitment of the PPP's supporters. Some cheerfully waited all night for a chance to hear her speak.

"I am encouraged by your support," she told the crowds. "It is the flood of the people."

The anti-PPP alliance, Bhutto's main rival in the polls, says its supporters will carry the day on Nov. 16.

Campaigning by this Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA) has gathered steam in the last few days, its flag and electoral symbol of a bicycle are visible on cars, walls and lamp-posts, though not in such volume as the PPP party flag.

No reliable national opinion polls have been published for this week's elections, the first to be contested for 11 years. But the election is widely seen as a straight contest between the PPP and the IDA.

One limited poll conducted in Lahore and published Tuesday had Bhutto's party slightly trailing the anti-PPP alliance, but Bhutto herself was most popular choice as prime minister.

Whatever, the outcome, she has drawn crowds to her whistle-stop train tours.

Some passengers, however got fed up with the delays waiting for Bhutto, and got off to complete their journeys by road. But pickpockets had a field day.

### OPEN FORUM

## A discreet call for help

The voices howled,  
Yet not to be heard.  
Though they were loud,  
No one heard.

Yet some have come to see,  
This tragic irony.  
Where hope is in the rocks we throw,  
At someone who will never be a friend,  
And always a foe.

But the bullet was shot,  
And the peasant is not.  
And only his mother seems to care.  
Though all gather to stare,  
No one seems to care.

Basim Najjar

The writer is a Senior at the American Community School.

### Amnesty International report:

## Israel jails objecting army officers

The following is a summary of an Amnesty International report on conscientious objection to serve in the Israeli army.

MILITARY service and reserve duty are compulsory in Israel, although certain sections of society are automatically exempted from military service. There is legal provision for exemption on grounds of conscience for women and, while there is no provision in law for exemption on grounds of conscience for men, in practice accommodation is often achieved between the military authorities and pacifists who completely refuse to serve in the military. There is no legal provision for partial refusal to perform military service.

Before 1967 objection to military service was largely confined to a small number of pacifists. However, after the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in 1967 an increasing number of individuals began to refuse to serve beyond Israel's pre-1967 border. The number of partial objectors rose after the 1973 war and reached a peak following the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982 when some 160 Israelis were imprisoned for between 10 and 40 days for refusing to serve in Lebanon.

Reports reveal that the number of those imprisoned for refusing to perform military service was declining between 1984 and 1987. However, since December

1987 when the Palestinian uprising or intifada in the Israeli occupied territories began, Amnesty International has received reports that some 40 individuals have been imprisoned for periods of between 14 and 35 days, for refusing to serve in the occupied territories. At least two partial objectors have been imprisoned twice during the past eight months for refusing to serve.

For some the actions of the Israel Defence Force in the occupied territories during the uprising (which have resulted in thousands of Palestinians being injured, many seriously, and at least 300 deaths) have been a turning point. It is reported that numerous reservists have refused to return for a second tour of duty in the occupied territories in the light of their previous experiences there. The minister of defence, Yitzhak Rabin, recently put the number of such refusals at 160, although the true figure may be higher as reports indicate that many commanding officers offer alternative postings to those refusing to serve in the occupied territories.

Amnesty International is disturbed by the increase in the number of individuals imprisoned since December 1987 for objecting to military service for reasons of conscience and considers them prisoners of conscience. It therefore calls for the immediate release of all conscientious and partial objectors.

## China plays off South Korea, Japan in investment battle

By Mark O'Neill  
Reuter

PEKING — Peking last week unveiled a new strategy to get Japanese firms to invest in China — the threat of South Korean companies investing instead and winning the battle for the world's most populous market.

Foreign bankers and diplomats said Peking was skillfully using the eagerness of South Korea to improve ties with China as a way of persuading Japanese companies to abandon their usual caution and build factories here.

"Japanese firms are nervous about investing here," said a Japanese banker in Peking. "But they do not want South Korean firms, which are more aggressive and ready to take risks, to invest instead and get the market."

China's new strategy was unveiled at a major Sino-Japanese symposium in Peking last week attended by 70 top Japanese bankers and industrialists.

Chinese officials berated Japanese caution and welcomed firms from South Korea.

Kuo Dongpo, a top trade official, told the visitors that as of March this year Japan accounted for only four per cent of total investment in China despite soaring Japanese investment in other countries because of the high yen.

"Japanese business and investors should discard unneeded anxieties and take a longer-term view," Wang Deyan, president of the Bank of China, told them. "You should be more active, and more generous in transferring technology."

Then participants heard a top foreign trade ministry official give a rare public welcome to firms from South Korea, promising them treatment equal to others and saying China separated politics from business.

China is a close political and military ally of North Korea and has no diplomatic relations with South Korea.

One Japanese participant at the symposium said he had never

heard such frank exchanges, with Chinese officials asking why Japan had fallen behind Western Europe and the United States and Japanese replying that they could invest only for profit.

Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang told the Japanese delegates that foreign firms wanting to invest in China would face increasing competition.

Peking's confidence results from rising foreign investment in China and the fact that firms in anti-Communist South Korea and Taiwan are, for the first time in 40 years, investing here.

Official figures show direct foreign investment in the first nine months of this year rose 44.8

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per cent from the same period last year to \$1.56 billion, with much of the increase coming from Taiwan for the first time.

An Asian diplomat said that South Korea wanted to improve links with China as part of its strategy of improving relations with the Communist world and isolating North Korea.

"Chinese officials say they want direct contact with South Korea and do not want Japanese and Americans as middlemen. This is just what South Koreans want to hear," he said.

Chinese business sources estimate trade with South Korea this year will be worth \$3 billion, up from \$1.8 billion in 1987 and more than five times China's trade with North Korea in 1987.

The Japanese banker said that, politically, Japan welcomed better relations between China and South Korea because it would make east Asia more peaceful and promote overall trade.

"But our firms fear the competition from South Korea in the China market," he said.

"They can sell China many of the same goods, like cars, televisions and steel. The battle is just beginning."



## MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

## Iran, Britain resume full relations

LONDON (AP) — Britain and Iran resumed full diplomatic relations Thursday after a 17-month breakdown sparked by the arrest of an Iranian envoy on shoplifting charges, the Foreign Office said. The announcement followed talks in Vienna between Sir David Myers, Britain's assistant under secretary of state for Middle Eastern affairs, and Dr. Mahmoud Vaezi, director general of Iran's ministry of foreign affairs. Mohammad Bakti, Iran's lone diplomat in Britain throughout the freeze, hinted that the resumption of ties could speed the release of Britons held hostage in Lebanon. Questioned on British Broadcasting Corp. radio, Bakti said the hostage issue had not arisen in the negotiations, but added: "If you are trying to imply that the new relationship between Iran and Britain may contribute to that end, I'm not going to deny that."

## Assad urges Bush to work for world peace

DAMASCUS (R) — Syrian President Hafez Al Assad has congratulated George Bush on his election as 41st president of the United States and urged him to work for world peace. The official Syrian news agency SANA quoted Assad as expressing his best wishes to Bush and the American people and hoping for development of U.S.-Syrian ties. SANA said that President Assad "underlined the U.S. role, as a permanent member of the (U.N.) Security Council, in working for world peace, solving problems which threaten peace and adopting the people's rights for self-determination." The president expressed hope the U.S. would play this role according to the U.N. charter. Assad also expressed hope that U.S.-Syrian relations would develop for the benefit of the two peoples and world peace and security.

## Iraq to consider release of Swede

STOCKHOLM (R) — Iraqi Vice-President Taha Ma'ruf said Thursday his government would consider the release of a Swedish businessman jailed for life in Baghdad on spying and currency charges. "Now we are entering a period of peace and we can reconsider everything," Ma'ruf, on a three-day working visit to Stockholm, said on Swedish radio. Businessman Wolfgang Granlund was arrested in January last year and convicted of espionage and currency violations. Swedish government sources said he had merely reported general information about Iraq, then at war with Iran, to the company he worked for, and had changed money illegally. Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson said he appealed for the release of Granlund during talks Thursday with Ma'ruf.

## Court rejects appeal of 4 Israelis

TEL AVIV (R) — An Israeli court Thursday turned down an appeal by four Israelis sentenced to six months each for meeting members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Convicted in June, they were the first Israelis to be prosecuted under a law banning citizens from contact with members of the PLO. The four left-wing activists have said they met the PLO members in Romania two years ago in the interests of peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

## Gunmen open fire on Al Mirghani home

KHARTOUM (R) — Gunmen fired on the house of a prominent Sudanese politician in Khartoum late Thursday shortly before he was due to leave for peace talks with rebels, security sources said. No one was hurt in the attack, the sources said. It was not known whether Mohammad Osman Al Mirghani, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), was in the building when the unidentified gunmen opened fire with a machinegun. Mirghani's party is the second largest in the governing coalition after Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi's Umma Party. The DUP leader was due to visit the Ethiopian capital on Saturday to meet John Garang, leader of a five-year-old revolt in south Sudan.

## Four Greek protesters indicted

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Four Greek protesters, jailed after they unfurled banners during a political trial here, were indicted Thursday on charges of supporting an illegal armed group. According to a copy of the indictment obtained by the Associated Press, the Greeks were accused of "helping an armed organisation." They face a minimum prison term of three years if convicted. No trial date has been set. The Greek protesters were detained last week along with 20 others — West Germans and other Greeks — in a courtroom protest calling for amnesty for several hundred leftists being tried on charges of political murder and attempting to stage a Communist revolution.

## Iraq issues PoWs with copies of the Koran

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein ordered that every Iranian prisoner of war be issued a copy of the Islamic holy book, the Koran, the official Iraqi news agency reported Thursday. The agency, monitored in Nicosia, also reported that Hussein granted permission for Iranian prisoners from the 8-year Gulf war to be allowed to visit the Shi'ite Muslim shrines at Karbala and Al Najaf Al Ashraf.

Rabbani accuses Cordovez of bias  
U.S. accuses Soviets of air assaults against Mujahideen

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The State Department has again accused the Soviet Union of bombing forays against the Afghanistan rebels.

Spokesman Charles E. Redman Thursday said attacks were carried out in various parts of Afghanistan, sometimes by back-fire bombers launched from bases in the Soviet Union.

He said the State Department had urged the rebels to show restraint in their attacks on Soviet troops in the country. But, Redman said, "the question of restraint in the conduct of the war is something that the Mujahideen (Afghan rebels) have to determine. It is, after all, their struggle."

## 'Cordovez biased'

At the United Nations the leader of the Afghan rebel alliance has criticised the U.N.

diplomat who mediated the Afghanistan accords, claiming he was biased against the Islamic Mujahideen and tried to keep them out of power.

Burhanuddin Rabbani, leader of the seven-party Afghan guerrilla alliance, on Thursday also rejected any future role in the government for Afghanistan's premier, Mohammad Hassan Sharq, calling him "a well-known (Soviet) agent whose hands are dirty with the blood of our people."

Rabbani met Thursday afternoon with U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar at U.N. headquarters, the first time the U.N. chief has met with any leaders of the Afghan guerrilla alliance.

Rabbani accused the U.N. mediator, Diego Cordovez, of trying to cut out the rebels from any future Afghan government.

"We believe that the United Nations is not only Cordovez," Rabbani said in Farsi.

"Unfortunately, Mr. Cordovez could not be an impartial representative of the United Nations. He took sides, and he took sides against the Afghan people and the Mujahideen, and this is why he failed in his mandate," Rabbani said.

## Crows urges Mujahideen to reconsider

In Washington, America's military chief said Thursday Afghan rebels should consider whether their increasing attacks on Soviet troops might serve only to slow down the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan.

The stepped up attacks have led the Soviet Union to suspend its pull-out from that country and raised questions whether they will leave by February 15 as promised in accords reached last spring.

Admiral William Crowe, chairman of the Defence Department's joint chiefs of staff, said in an interview that he believed the Soviet Union would adhere to the February deadline but noted: "We are talking about a very fluid military situation."

In the interview with Reuters and the international television agency Visnews, Crowe was asked whether he would advise the Afghan Mujahideen rebels to allow the Soviet forces to depart peacefully or to hinder their withdrawal by attacking.

"I would advise the Mujahideen to make very careful calculations in their own interests," Crowe said. "I suspect they see the world differently than I do."

## Palestinian U.S. resident fights deportation

WASHINGTON (J.T.) — The controversial case of a Palestinian resident of the United States fighting deportation by the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (INS) got first hearing Monday, Oct. 31, in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, according to American Arab Anti-Discrimination (ADC).

In 1986, ADC member Fouad Y. Rafeedie, a 30-year-old resi-

dent of Cleveland, visited family and attended a Palestine Youth Conference in Syria. Upon his return, he was detained at JFK airport, strip-searched and interrogated by immigration officials. One year later, the INS began deportation proceedings against him.

Rafeedie was accused of being a "subversive" under the notorious McCarran-Walter Act of 1952. Using methods strikingly

similar to those used by the Israeli government to deport Palestinians from the occupied territories, the INS is basing its case against Rafeedie on "classified" evidence that neither he nor his attorneys will be allowed to see.

It is Fouad Rafeedie's firm belief that he is being singled out for prosecution because he is a Palestinian activist. His only "crime" is that he is outspoken

on the Palestinian/Israeli conflict and active in exercising his rights to freedom of speech on an issue of deep concern to him.

The key issues in this case involve the legality of applying INS exclusion procedures to permanent U.S. residents and the question of the application of the First Amendment to the political expression of persons with resident alien status.

## Arab Americans win key election races

By Rosalind Mandline

WASHINGTON (USIA) — Win or lose, Arab Americans made their mark on the November 8 elections at the national, state and local level.

Three Arab Americans won re-election to the Congress: Senator George Mitchell, a Democrat from Maine; Representative Mary Rose Oakar, a Democrat from Ohio; and Representative Nick Joe. Rahall, "a Democrat from West Virginia. Mitchell won with 81 per cent of the vote against his Republican opponent, Jack Wyman. Oakar won 83 per cent of the vote against her Republican opponent, Michael Sanna. Rahall won with 65 per cent of the vote against Republican Marianne Brewster.

A cross-section of Arab Americans throughout the United States won seats in their state legislatures. Dan Issa, a Democrat, ran unopposed in his re-election for State Senator in Rhode Island. Paul Jabbour, a Democrat, also ran unopposed for re-election as State Representative in the Rhode Island state legislature. Jimmy Naifeh, a Democrat, ran unopposed for re-election as state representative in Tennessee.

Anthony Solomon, Democrat, won the office of a state treasurer in Rhode Island. At the local level George Ellis, Democrat, won the office of judge on the 14th Court of Appeals in Houston, Texas, with 51 per cent of the vote.

"While we did lose a few heartbreakers, on the whole our record was excellent. We gained in experience, in strength, and we participated in a number of critical election victories in Rhode Island, Florida, California and Massachusetts," said James Zogby, executive director of the Arab American Institute.

"The bipartisan victories we won in 1988 fill us with great hope. However, we recognise significant challenges ahead as we work to strengthen our ties within both the Republican and Democratic parties and to secure for Arab Americans their legitimate role in the political process. We are confident that this growth will continue and, as it does, that we will not only become stronger as a constituency, but better able to play a role in furthering debate on critical Middle East and domestic issues," Zogby added.

One state Arab American candidate made significant gains in Rhode Island. Dan Issa, who is of Syrian heritage, was re-

elected as state senator in Rhode Island. Issa, a Democrat, will begin his second term in office in January. Issa told USIA that not only the Arab American community in Rhode Island supported him and other Arab American candidates but "our success has expanded beyond the Arab American community." Issa said that he was the "first Arab American in the history of Rhode Island" to serve in the State Senate. He noted that there is an Arab American community in the city of Pawtucket and in the capital of Providence. Issa said he ran for re-election "on his record," which includes: consumer legislation, bills which deal with abandoned automobiles, a bill which expedites the search for missing children and bills affecting education.

Anthony Solomon, a Democrat, recaptured the office of state treasurer, which he held four years ago. According to Issa, Solomon ran on his previous record as state treasurer. Solomon has also served in the Rhode Island House of Representatives. Anthony Azar, a Democrat running for the Rhode Island State Senate, is maintaining a small lead over his opponent as of November 10, according to AAI. Azar, who is of Syrian descent, ran on environmental, zoning and other local issues, according to Issa. Paul Jabbour, a Democrat of Lebanese descent, was unopposed in his race for re-election to the Rhode Island State Senate.

AAI noted both the wins and losses of referenda on Palestinian rights in two states. Question 5, calling for the creation of a Palestinian state and the "cut-off of the U.S. aid that supports Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza" passed in West Bank and Somerville, Massachusetts, despite "active opposition" by Democratic U.S. Representatives Barney Frank and Joseph Kennedy, according to AAI. The Coalition for Palestinian Rights issued a statement on November 10 declaring "The passage of this referendum (53 per cent to 47 per cent) sends a clear, firm message to our elected officials in Washington to change U.S. foreign policy by sponsoring Question 5."

The statement goes on to say, "The people of Cambridge, representing a wide cross-section of ethnic, racial, religious, and economic communities have clearly demonstrated there is a limit to the tolerance of the American public to human rights violations. Cambridge voters will not allow

the use of their tax money to support these violations. They want a just peace in the Middle East for Israelis and Palestinians alike."

In San Francisco, Proposition W did not pass. It called for U.S. recognition of the Palestinian people's right to self-determination and statehood in the occupied territories side by side with Israel, with guarantees for the security of both states. Its proponents' efforts could not overcome the \$1.3 billion budget of its opponents, according to AAI.

As of November 10 the "yes" vote for the proposition was 63,011 (32 per cent) and the "no" vote was 133,712 (67 per cent), according to the county clerk's office in San Francisco. The AAI had commissioned a poll of registered voters in San Francisco two weeks before election day and found then that 36 per cent of respondents supported Proposition W.



Fayruz, a voice of hope.  
By Fouad Hamdan

HAMBURG (DPA) — It is difficult to imagine that Fayruz, the Arab World's greatest living singer, has never turned her back on her native Lebanon during the past 13 years of war.

## Fayruz, the voice of Lebanon

"I symbolise the Lebanese who stayed despite war. This became important to my audiences," she said in one of her rare interviews. "I could never imagine leaving Lebanon. It would be madness and worse than the fear of staying during fighting."

The woman with a voice described as a "thread of honey" is regarded as the symbol of peace to all Arabs — "a heavy duty," Fayruz admits. "This started before the war in Lebanon, but after people held onto me as a symbol. If my concerts help, then I'm glad."

Born in Beirut, one of five children of a Christian Maronite family, her career began in a Lebanese radio chorus at the age of 14. She took the professional name Fayruz (meaning turquoise), her real one being Nohad Haddad.

Later Fayruz, 54, married the composer Assi Rahbani who wrote many of her most famous songs with lyrics by her brother-in-law, Mansur Rahbani. Fame and success followed, especially after the death of Egyptian singer

Umm Kaltum in 1975.

The Rahbani brothers grafted contemporary arrangements and rhythms to melodies hallowed by long tradition. Few other modern poets and composers have been able to breathe as much gaiety and life into the traditional form of Arabic music.

In Fayruz, the Rahbani brothers' music found an artist whose voice conveys every nuance, every inflection with spontaneous charm.

Her recitals include Muwashshah songs, a form of Andalusian origin and the first examples of Arabic music in which melody takes precedence over the verses. Fayruz also sings classical qasidas (recitals) in performances which seem to call up echoes of the great olden age of Arab culture.

"This feeling that my voice can be stronger than violence and hatred is marvellous," she once said. "I would have loved having the power to stop things. It's simply not worthwhile to be fighting with each other."

Fayruz never fell into the Lebanese factional trap, the main

cause of the endless war. "I refuse this way of thinking. All factions understood my value is not to belong to anybody."

Over the years she appeared in many countries where she packed the audiences in with her velvety, flute-like voice. When Fayruz sang in 1986 at London's Royal Festival Hall, more people listened to her than to Frank Sinatra, the previous record holder there. A year later she filled New York's Fisher Hall with admirers.

One reason why Fayruz remained a symbol of unity in Lebanon is that since the outbreak of the civil war in 1975 she has refused to sing in her native country and has preferred to appear on stage abroad, "because the Lebanese are not split there," she says.

Recently French Culture Minister Jack Lang presented a "Medal for Culture and Literature" to Fayruz, who staged a concert in Paris' Omnisports Centre at Bercy recently.

In the French capital, Fayruz sang songs from her latest album, some of them a successful fusion

of Arab and jazz music composed by her son Ziad Rahbani, reports in Beirut said. Her husband, Assi, died in 1986.

My relationship with Ziad is a continuation of the one with Assi. Working with him gives me an opportunity to experiment," Fayruz said.

Many of her songs are about Lebanon — the land, the people and their longing for peace. But much of her classical Arabic repertoire deals with the joys and sorrows of the Arab World.

When Fayruz sings of Lebanon and Beirut, Egyptians remember the Nile, Syrians recall Damascus and Palestinians' long for their occupied homeland.

One of her most famous recordings is *Jerusalem In Our Heart*, recorded shortly after Israeli troops occupied the city's eastern part in 1967. In it she expresses with passion the injustice done to the Palestinians, their expulsion and their right to return.

Fayruz once said, "my themes are the ones that touch the heart."

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# GATT chief appeals for deal on world agricultural subsidies

GENEVA (R) — The head of GATT Thursday urged governments worldwide to agree short-term measures to tackle the problem of agricultural subsidies and said he hoped progress could be made at ministerial talks in Montreal next week.

Arthur Dunkel, director-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), said there were signs that the negotiations starting Dec. 5 could also make headway on a number of other issues designed to liberalise world trade.

"Governments should have the political wisdom to agree on a number of short-term measures which would contribute to begin to put some order in... trade in agricultural goods," he told a news conference.

Delivering an upbeat assessment of the prospects for the Montreal round of talks, Dunkel said the election of Vice-President George Bush to succeed

Ronald Reagan in the White House augured well for a steady U.S. trade policy.

He also said growth in world trade this year of more than five per cent formed a positive backdrop to the talks, but he added a progressive reduction in the U.S. trade deficit was still needed.

Ministers from 105 nations are due to hold a mid-term review of progress in the so-called Uruguay Round of GATT negotiations designed to liberalise trade in 14 areas. They include agriculture and manufactured goods, plus for the first time service industries such as banking, insurance and tourism.

Dunkel's comments on agricul-

ture go to the heart of one of the most hotly disputed areas of the talks set in train at Punta Del Este in Uruguay two years ago and due to run for four years.

The United States last week proposed a conditional freeze on all agricultural subsidies and trade barriers over the next two years. That addresses the key issue of short-term, reform advocated by Dunkel, but according to a U.S. position paper obtained by Reuters in Washington, also calls for a commitment from other nations to eliminate subsidies over a longer period.

European Community countries, which negotiate as a bloc in GATT, have said an end to all subsidies is out of the question, while other major agricultural producers, including Australia, Canada and Brazil, have called for a halt by the year 2000.

Dunkel also said that a short-term package of measures, if agreed, should not divert attention from the longer-term goal of agricultural reform. He added that the talks in Montreal had to create the political will to go further.

Countries' diverse positions, being refined in a series of be-

hind-the-scenes talks in Geneva in the run-up to Montreal, are also likely to spill over into other negotiations as nations seek to bargain one trade issue against another.

"We are not in a position where we can resolve problems overnight," Dunkel said. "Everything is related to everything."

But he did hold out hopes of agreement in two areas:

— Disputes procedures. Proposals for speeding up the handling of trade disputes brought before GATT have already been put forward and would involve setting stricter time limits.

Tropical products, such as coffee, cocoa and rice. Developing countries are urging the industrial world to open up their markets to more imports.

"It will be a hard battle," said Dunkel. "But there will be an improvement in the regime for trade in tropical products."

One other sensitive issue, trade in services, appears to have made little progress, but Dunkel said he hoped ministers in Montreal could define a negotiating framework for the remaining two years of the Uruguay Round.

## Iraq offers state plants to investors

BAGHDAD (AP) — The government has offered to sell a number of state-owned plants to Arab businessmen in Iraq's drive to revive its economy for post-war reconstruction. Industry Minister Hussein Kamel has said.

About 20 medium-size plants were put up for sale last July under a new economic strategy declared by President Saddam Hussein to privatise some inefficient state enterprises and industrial projects and loosen the socialist state's grip on industry.

They included several food-canning and beverage plants.

The state-run television network, reporting Kamel's statement, said he told the Gulf businessmen that Iraq is considering setting up an industrial free zone to encourage investment by Arab and other foreign companies.

Kamel urged them to take the opportunity to set up major industrial projects, such as petrochemical and steel plants.

The Iraqis, eager for badly needed investment so they can revive an ambitious industrial development programme shelved in 1984 because of the war, are particularly keen to secure Arab investment from the oil-rich Gulf region.

The move coincided with new government regulations to en-

courage the private sector and expand its role in the economy, battered by the eight-year-old war with Iran.

Western diplomats in Baghdad said the move was aimed at raising productivity, which has been dampened by bureaucracy, hard currency shortages and lack of investment.

Few of the state assets offered for sale to local investors have been sold because of caution among Iraqis to invest large amounts of funds held abroad in major enterprises.

The government last April issued a new law to encourage Arab businessmen to invest in Iraq, providing them with incentives such as tax exemption and freedom to move their money abroad with guarantees against government seizure of assets.

The Iraqis' main objectives on the economic front are to rebuild and expand its oil industry, cornerstone of the economy, and secure major new foreign credits despite a foreign debt of an estimated \$60 billion.

Most creditors, hopeful of winning lucrative contracts in the post-war reconstruction programme, have rescheduled Iraq's debts. The United States and Britain earlier this month extended new lines of credit to Iraq totalling more than \$1.5 billion to finance exports.

## Bush faces higher U.S. budget deficit

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect George Bush has been given the grim news that the U.S. budget deficit in the next fiscal year will be \$21 billion higher than Ronald Reagan's administration had previously estimated.

That information means that Bush will be facing an even bigger budget headache when he takes office Jan. 20.

The new deficit estimate was presented to Bush and Reagan during a cabinet briefing Thursday on the administration's final budget submission to Congress.

Joseph Wright, director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), said the OMB now estimates that the deficit for the 1990 fiscal year, which begins next Oct. 1, will be \$132 billion, substantially higher than the \$111 billion deficit estimate OMB made just three months ago.

Officials said the main factors boosting the deficit estimate were the drought, which slowed economic growth this year, and higher-than-expected interest rates, which raised the cost of financing the \$2.6 trillion national debt.

The country's balanced budget law's deficit target for 1990 is \$100 billion, which means that \$32 billion in budget cuts will be needed to close the gap between revenues and spending.

Achieving such sizeable cuts in the face of congressional opposition to further reductions in domestic programmes will present Bush with major political problems.

During the campaign, Bush sidestepped specifics on how he would deal with the budget deficit by touting a plan for a "flexible freeze." Bush said he would allow government spending to grow only enough to match inflation. Within the overall freeze, selected programmes could grow while others would be cut.

However, Bush avoided providing details on what programmes he would cut in order to free funds for increases that he promised to make in education, child care and health care for the poor.

The budget document Reagan sends to Congress Jan. 9 will reflect his decisions, presidential spokesman Martin Fitzwater said.

However, officials said it was likely that Bush would rewrite at least part of the document once he takes office, just as Reagan did in 1981 when he submitted his own budget to Congress in place of the budget left behind by Democratic president Jimmy Carter.

Officials refused to comment on reports that the final Reagan budget will call for substantial increases in defence spending and steep cuts in domestic programmes as a way of providing Bush with the opportunity to present a softer budget blueprint once he takes office.

OMB spokeswoman Barbara Caly said that Reagan's final budget would not include any tax increases, something the president has consistently opposed, or seek to trim government benefits to the elderly as a way of meeting the \$100 billion target of the budget-balancing law.

With estimates on future deficits rising, many private economists are convinced that Bush will be forced to accept some type of tax increase despite his oft-repeated opposition to new taxes during the campaign.

As examples of pressure for increased spending, they point to public demands that the government do more in the fight against drugs, and to estimates topping \$50 billion for the cost of bailing out hundreds of insolvent savings and loan institutions.

## Saudis, Texaco sign \$1.8b accord

LONDON (R) — Saudi Arabia and Texaco Inc. of the United States signed a deal worth \$1.8 billion in London Thursday for a joint venture to refine, distribute and market oil products in 23 American states.

The deal gives the kingdom, the biggest crude oil exporter, access to the world's biggest petrol market and is a major step towards integrating its operations from wellhead to petrol pump.

Other OPEC exporters, notably Kuwait, have also begun

taking stakes in "downstream" operations in the West to secure outlets for their crude oil and insulate their economies from volatility in crude prices.

Saudi Arabia said it paid \$812 million for a 50 per cent stake in Texaco's refining assets and marketing system in the 23 states.

A joint statement said the deal would result in about \$1.8 billion in cash benefits and savings for Texaco, the third largest U.S. oil company.

The agreement gives the new

joint venture, called "Star Enterprise," the right to buy up to 600,000 barrels daily of Saudi crude oil at market prices.

The statement said the Houston-based joint venture, due to start operating by Dec. 31, would rank third behind Exxon and Mobil Corp in petrol sales in the 23 states and 10th in the whole of the United States.

Included in the deal are some 1,400 owned and leased service stations and a branded distributor network of about 10,000 stations, together with refineries at Port Arthur, Texas, Convent, Louisiana, and Delaware City, Delaware.

Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer told reporters that Saudi Arabia was mulling other such projects worldwide but would not say who with or when any more agreements might be signed.

He said the Texaco deal

guaranteed Saudi Arabia a niche in one of the world's fastest growing product markets. Saudi Arabia aimed to create a strong and integrated oil industry "able to stand on its own feet in a very competitive market."

Wednesday, the kingdom set up a new state oil company, the Saudi Arabian Oil Company, to oversee its petroleum industry.

With almost one-fifth of world crude oil reserves, it has been working on restructuring plans since Nazer took over as oil minister from Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani in late 1986.

The oil glut of the 1980s, depressing crude oil prices, has forced it to diversify out of straight crude exports.

Its petroleum revenues are down from more than \$118 billion at the start of the decade to an estimated \$14 or \$15 billion this year.

## Egypt tightens grip on investment firms

CAIRO (R) — The government seized the assets of one of Egypt's largest Islamic investment groups before dawn Thursday, detained company officials and threatened legal action against more than 60 other firms and individuals.

Mohammad Fag Al Nour, who heads the regulatory agency directing the crackdown, said the government was trying to track and retrieve funds held abroad by the Rayan Islamic Investment Group.

"The government is doing everything in its power, through legal procedures, to safeguard depositors' rights," he told a news conference.

Hundreds of thousands of Egyptians have savings deposited with 104 companies and individuals affected by a law passed in June to strictly control their activities.

The law requires the owners of Islamic-style investment companies to go public or liquidate, and to provide detailed financial reports.

The companies, eschewing interest as un-Islamic, have offered depositors a percentage of profit or loss — paying returns about seven per cent higher than banks. Company owners denied accusations of unsound business practices.

The new law set a deadline for the firms to submit full financial reports. But when it passed Tuesday, most companies had not filed complete documents and at least two said they needed more time.

The harshest government response was aimed at Rayan, believed to be the largest Islamic investment organisation in Egypt. Overnight, scores of officials and police descended on company assets.

They sealed buildings and confiscated documents. Fag Al Nour said they also detained some people whom he did not identify.

President Hosni Mubarak said Thursday the state was taking all necessary action to minimise the losses of depositors.

"We know that Egyptian families, some families of limited financial means, are most disturbed by the loss they fear they might sustain as the result of the deviousness of those managing these companies and the embezzlement of large sums of deposits," Mubarak said in a speech to parliament.

He said the government was not against the companies in principle, but would act against those who violated the law.

"The state has the power and the ability to safeguard the rights of its citizens and check their losses," he added.

Rayan was far from the only company in violation.

Fag Al Nour, chairman of the Capital Markets Authority, said only 54 of 104 companies and individuals had submitted necessary papers. Of 31 applicants that wanted to stay in business, only 13 had submitted sufficient documents, he added.

Twenty-three firms had decided to liquidate and return money to depositors within two years as required by law, Fag Al Nour said.

The most difficult issue facing the government may be the funds held abroad by Rayan, estimated at over \$400 million.

Fag Al Nour said initial action had been taken to find and retrieve the funds for Rayan's depositors. Asked what would happen if the government failed to get the money back, he said:

"We have to try and look at the bright side."

## Turkey aims to boost wheat sales to USSR

ANKARA (R) — Turkey is looking at the Soviet Union as an export market for wheat after bumper harvests, Turkish Grain Board officials said Thursday.

Self-sufficient in food, Turkey aims to export 2.5 million tonnes of wheat and barley this year, compared with up to 400,000 tonnes a year between 1980 and 1987.

"Turkey is becoming an export nation. People know they can get continuous supplies from us," Grain Board Chairman Ahmet Ozgunes told Reuters in an interview.

Turkey's 1988 wheat harvest is officially estimated at 20.5 million tonnes, compared with 18.9 million the previous year. Ozgunes said the 1989 figure was likely to be similar to 1988.

The 1988 barley harvest is estimated at 7.5 million tonnes, up from 6.9 million in 1987. Ozgunes said exports this year

were destined mainly for the Soviet Union, Mediterranean basin countries and places such as Iran, Iraq and Syria.

Exports to the Soviet Union, mainly of wheat, were expected to total 350,000 tonnes. "He hope it will go up to 500,000 tonnes next year," Ozgunes said.

Turkey sold the Soviet Union between 5,000 and 6,000 tonnes last year to test the market.

"The Soviet Union is a very good market for us due to its location and the short transport distances involved," Ozgunes said.

NATO member Turkey, bordering the Soviet Union as well as Iran, Iraq, Syria, Bulgaria and Greece, exports to Russia across the Black Sea from Tekirdag, west of Istanbul.

Ozgunes said a 70,000-tonne capacity port site for cereals would be completed at Tekirdag next April.

### AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Thursday Nov. 10, 1988 Central Bank official rates					
	Buy	Sell		Buy	Sell
U.S. dollar	458.0	460.0	Japanese yen (for 100)	368.9	370.7
Pound Sterling	820.9	825.0	Dutch guilder	230.8	232.0
Deutschemark	260.1	261.4	Swedish crown	74.8	75.2
Swiss franc	399.0	310.5	Italian lira (for 100)	34.9	35.1
French franc	76.1	76.5	Belgian franc (for 10)	124.1	124.7

### Amman Financial Market weekly trading

Following is a summary of trading during last week and the previous week:

	Nov. 5-9	Oct. 29-Nov.2
Daily average	JD 1,814,984	JD 1,220,237
Total volume	JD 9,058,718	JD 6,101,187
Total shares	6,263,536	3,070,332
No. of contracts	6,020	3,763
Sectoral trading:		
Industrial	JD 6,121,979 (67.6%)	JD 2,243,095 (36.7%)
Financial	JD 2,290,812 (25.3%)	JD 3,031,467 (49.7%)
Service	(4.8%)	(12.4%)
Insurance	(2.3%)	(1.2%)
Share price index	126.8	121.6
No. of companies	71	66
Price movement (rise)	59	50
(decline)	3	5
(stable)	9	11

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Ministry of Labour	663186	Amman Chamber of Industry	644747
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### LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

One Sterling	1.8130/40	U.S. dollars	
One U.S. dollar	1.2210/25	Canadian dollar	
	1.7350/60	Deutschemarks	
	1.9585/95	Dutch guilders	
	1.4580/90	Swiss francs	
	36.43/44	Belgian francs	
	5.9370/20	French francs	
	1296/1297	Italian lire	
	122.60/70	Japanese yen	
	6.0600/50	Swedish crowns	
	6.5400/50	Norwegian crowns	
	6.7090/40	Danish crowns	
One ounce of gold	420.50/421.00	U.S. dollars	

### WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — Stocks closed lower as higher interest rates kept a firm hold on any upward movement. The All Ordinaries index fell 5.5 to 1,558.7.

TOKYO — Prices soared to close at a record traded high on optimism over a strong yen and low interest rates. The Nikkei index climbed 323.15 points, 1.15 per cent, to 28,489.57.

HONG KONG — Inspired by Tokyo's record high, stocks closed firmer despite light profit-taking in late afternoon. The Hang Seng index rose 6.73 to 2,583.74.

SINGAPORE — The market closed mixed in moderate trading. The Straits Times Industrial index rose 0.91 to 1,015.03.

BOMBAY — Closed for holiday. Trading resumes Monday. FRANKFURT — Shares closed lower as the dollar's plunge below 1.74 marks from about 1.76 Thursday dampened buyer interest and limited trading. The DAX index fell 11.16 to 1,252.18.

ZURICH — Shares closed lower in quiet pre-weekend trading as losses on Wall Street and the continuing dollar decline weighed on prices. The Swiss index fell 10 to 916.

PARIS — Market closed for Armistice Day holiday, reopens Monday.

LONDON — Shares drifted lower throughout the morning as the dollar tested key support levels against the yen and mark. At 1200 GMT the FTSE 100 index was down 14.3 at 1,811.9.

NEW YORK — Stocks stayed broadly lower in mid-morning after blue chips dropped in the first few minutes of trading. The fall followed a sharp decline in U.S. bonds in London and a continuing slide in the dollar. The Dow was down 14 at 2,101.

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**REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE**

A Service of Remembrance will be held at the Church of the Redeemer on Sunday 13 November 1988 at 6.30 p.m.



# Mufti wins Jerash Rally

By Mariam Shahin  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Well-known rally ace Haitham Mufti and co-driver Hassan Alseddini roared to victory Friday in their Daihatsu Charman in the Jerash Rally, the last event in this year's national championship series.

Closely behind Mufti, who clocked 49 minutes and 52 seconds, was Issa Halabi in a Nissan 240 RS co-driven by Laith Qassem. Halabi and Qassem had a timing of 50 minutes 0.1 seconds while third placed George Khayyat and co-driver His Royal Highness Prince Faisal Ibn Hussein timed 52 minutes and 24 seconds in an identical Nissan 240 RS.

Slippery terrain and rains appeared to have taken not a heavy toll on Friday's event, the eighth and last of this year's rallying season. Twenty drivers of the original 25 starters made it to the finishing point after manoeuvring through road sections and special stages spread between Amman and the ancient Greco-Roman city of Jerash.

Among those who were forced to quit the race due to mechanical problems or bad weather were Mohammad Abu Samra (co-driver Isahq Shaikh) and Nasser Bustami (co-driver Hassan Shihani) — both in Nissan 240 RS.

No. 14 driven by M. Khabbaze, car no. 16 driven by A. Farrah and car no. 19 driven by W. Nabulsi also dropped out of the race. The first women's team in Jordan, car no. 18, driven by Maha Asfour and co-driver Amal Ghandour, timed the rally in one hour and 2.4 minutes and was placed 13th overall.

The top finishers in the event were as follows:

No.	Driver	Co-driver	Car
1	H. Mufti	H. Alseddini	Daihatsu Charman
2	G. Khayyat	H.R.H. Prince Faisal	Nissan 240 RS
3	I. Halabi	L. Qassem	Nissan 240 RS
4	S. Marar	A. Al Hamen	Open Manta 400
5	M. Sbitan	M. Ibrahim	Nissan 240 RS
6	A. Shamoun	R. Shamoun	Seat Ibiza
7	N. Dirani	R. Bilemjan	Opel Manta 400
8	S. Twal	S. Telatinian	Opel Manta 400
9	B. Qozor	F. Jabri	Datsun 160J SSS
10	M. Dajani	R. Bahhou	Toyota Corolla

## U.S. athlete justifies competing in S. Africa

NEW YORK (R) — A U.S. Olympic athlete says in a New York Times article that she has competed in South Africa in defiance of an international sanction because she believed that there was no room for politics in sports.

Carol Cady, who competed in the 1988 Olympics in the discus, said she has competed on an international level for the past eight years and the experience has given her a conviction that the sports is a common denominator that brings people together.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Leconte regains confidence after victory

LONDON (R) — Henri Leconte, prancing and dancing in exuberant mood, won a battle with his confidence as he brushed aside Alexander Volkov of the Soviet Union in the London Grand Prix Tennis Tournament Thursday. Leconte, favourite to win the \$452,000 indoor event, needed just 74 minutes to beat qualifier and fellow left-hander Volkov 6-3, 6-4 in the second round. "My confidence was good and I am pleased with the way I served," said Leconte whose recent erratic form had drained his self-esteem.

### McEnroe wins, Lendl and Connors upset

STUTTGART (AP) — John McEnroe beat Tim Mayotte 6-3, 6-2, and Ivan Lendl and Jimmy Connors were upset by two West German outsiders at the Stuttgart Classics Invitation Tennis Tournament Thursday. Carl-Uwe Steeb edged Lendl 7-6 (7-3), 7-5, while Eric Jelen rallied to outlast Connors 3-6, 6-4, 6-2. Steeb and Jelen were only invited to the tournament after injuries forced Boris Becker and Andre Agassi to withdraw. McEnroe became the first player in the eight-man field to make sure of advancing to the semifinals of the \$350,000 tournament. Lendl, the former no. 1 who is making a comeback after a shoulder operation in September, needs to beat McEnroe Friday to reach the semifinals. "It's clear now that I haven't yet reached the level I thought I had," Lendl said after his unexpected defeat. The tournament is being played under the format used at the masters, with the eight players split into two four-man groups. Two players from each group advance to Saturday's semifinals. The winner of Sunday's final will earn \$100,000.

### Neuchatel protest over cup defeat

ZURICH (R) — Swiss club Neuchatel Xamax have lodged a protest with the European Football Union (UEFA) following their 5-0 defeat in the away leg of their European Cup second round tie against Galatasaray Istanbul Wednesday. The Turkish club, fined \$113,500 for their fans' misbehaviour during the first leg, qualified for the quarter-finals 5-3 on aggregate. Sports Information, the Swiss sports news agency, reported that Neuchatel Xamax President Gilbert Racchini had lodged a formal complaint with Sergio Gonella, the UEFA match observer at the return leg. The mass circulation Swiss daily Blick Thursday quoted Racchini as saying that missiles were thrown throughout the match. One struck Neuchatel substitute Adrian Kunz as he was warming up.

### FIFA plans crack down on faked injuries

PRAGUE (R) — The International Football Federation (FIFA) Thursday announced plans to crack down on players who fake injuries. FIFA Vice-President Harry Cavan said officials at the federation's symposium in Prague proposed penalising players who pretended to be injured and giving referees basic medical training. "The referee should have some medical training so that he can recognise a player who is really injured and one who is simulating the injury," Cavan said. "In cases where a player pretends to be injured in an attempt at time-wasting or to get his opponent sent off, I think the referees will be asked to take strong measures." He said this would mean a booking for a first offence and dismissal for those players who repeatedly feigned injury during a match.

# Faria to give boost to PSV

LONDON (R) — European soccer champions PSV Eindhoven are looking to Brazilian newcomer Romario Faria to help them recapture their winning touch when they face RKC in Saturday's Dutch first division clash.

Faria, a striker bought for \$2.8 million from Brazil's Vasco Da Gama last month, is set to return after missing Wednesday's champions' cup second-round second-leg match in which PSV lost 2-0 away to Porto of Portugal.

European Football Union (UEFA) rules prevented Faria playing at Porto where, despite the disappointing result, PSV secured a place in the quarter-finals by virtue of the cushion of their 5-0 first-leg win.

PSV trainer Guus Hiddink is likely to rest several of his injured players against RKC, notably striker Wim Kieft, who is recuperating from a knee operation and played only half of the game in Porto.

Hiddink, whose side are five points clear at the top of the league, can replace Kieft with Faria, who scored his first goal for PSV when they beat Roda JC 1-0 last Sunday.

French first division leaders Paris Saint-Germain look forward to a promising weekend as

the league programme reaches its halfway stage.

While the surprisingly resilient club from the capital faces the least demanding of tasks with a home game against bottom club Lens, its two main title rivals meet each other.

Auxerre, a point behind Paris Saint-Germain, are at home to third-placed Marseille, who are a further two points behind.

The two sides are probably the most attractive in France. Auxerre, who have dropped only one point at home, will need to be at their best to beat a Marseille side who have lost only one of their last 16 games.

### Monaco

Champions Monaco, in fourth place some seven points down on the leaders, will undoubtedly take heart from their 6-1 drubbing of Club Bruges in the European cup Wednesday.

It was Monaco's best performance in years and they should be much too good for visitors Metz if inspirational English midfielder Glenn Hoddle and Ivory Coast

striker Youssouf Fofana, a hat-trick hero against the Belgians, continue their form.

English forward Mark Hateley came through his first match in 10 weeks following a groin injury and should be ready to return to league action at last.

World Cup qualifying games next Wednesday mean there are no league matches in Spain and Italy, though Spanish first division champions Real Madrid seek to clinch a European Cup quarter-final place later Thursday.

Real take a 1-0 advantage into their second-round second-leg clash at home to Poland's Gornik Zabrze, and can call on midfielder Michel Gonzalez after a three-match suspension from European competition.

However, Real coach Leo Beenhakker prepared for the clash on a cautious note: "they (Gornik) don't play the same as us but they're strong, they run and they're good on the counter-attack," he said.

### Platini

In Paris French National Team Chief Michel Platini called up three newcomers when he named his first squad Thursday for next week's world cup qualifier in Yugoslavia.

The 16-strong selection contained six changes from the squad

held to a disastrous 1-1 draw in Cyprus last month, which jeopardised French hopes of reaching the 1990 finals and led to Henri Michel's replacement by Platini.

As expected, Platini named his former midfield colleague Jean Tigana, who makes a return to international football at the age of 33, 17 months after announcing his retirement from the national side.

The three newcomers for the match in Belgrade on November 19 are Bordeaux's cultured sweeper Alain Roche, 21, on-form Nice midfielder Eric Guerit, 24, and tricky winger Christian Perez, 25, of league leaders Paris Saint-Germain.

Platini told a news conference he met Tigana last week and persuaded him to return to the national team. "I see Tigana in the role of organiser," he said. "He's important — he will be our head, the strategy of the team will depend on him."

"Everyone knows how highly I regard him. I hope he continues in international football. I hope we qualify for the world cup finals and that he will be there."

Tigana, who played alongside Platini in the two last world cup finals, quit the national team after winning his 51st cap in June last year when France lost 2-0 to Norway in a European Championship qualifier.

# Millwall face toughest test in match with Liverpool

LONDON (R) — Surprise championship challengers Millwall face the sternest test so far of their debut season in English soccer's first division with a visit to title-holders Liverpool Saturday.

The clash has provoked such intense interest among Millwall supporters that all available tickets were snapped up days ago and the club had laid on closed circuit television to relay the match to thousands more at their London ground, The Den.

Lying third in the league behind Norwich and Arsenal, Millwall are currently one point and one place ahead of their more illustrious northern rivals who have made, for them, a somewhat faltering start to the season.

Liverpool have already lost three times in their first 11 games — one more than is the whole of last season — while Millwall, who have played one match less, have been beaten only once.

Victory at Anfield would finally silence the doubters and establish Millwall's credentials as solid contenders. But beating the champions in their own back yard is one of the most difficult tasks in soccer and the London Club will be more than content to take a point.

Highflying Norwich, equally unlikely championship contenders at the start of the season, have a six-point buffer at the top of the table and look likely to garner a further three points Saturday with a home fixture against Sheffield Wednesday, who are lying in the bottom half of the division.

Second-placed Arsenal must also fancy their chances of collecting maximum points when they visit Newcastle, who have managed only eight points from 11 games and are second last.

Two other struggling clubs, Tottenham and Wimbledon, are only slightly better placed, fourth from last and both sides will be desperate for maximum points.

Tottenham, who have home

advantage, have managed only one league win this season despite spending more than nine million dollars, buying players and are propping up the first division.

F.A. Cup holders Wimbledon are only slightly better placed, fourth from last and both sides will be desperate for maximum points.

North of the border, Celtic and

Rangers provide the match of the day in the Scottish premier division.

Rangers, holding a four-point lead at the top of the division, travel across the city to last season's champions, who have lost six of their 14 matches and are struggling in mid-table.

However, current form frequently matters little when the old rivals meet.

# Jordan leads Chicago to victory over Celtics

NEW YORK (AP) — The Boston Celtic tradition of team play was no match for Michael Jordan's one-man show.

"We have to establish offense other than myself, but I got off to a good start and my jumper started falling," Jordan said after his 52 points led Chicago to a 110-104 victory Wednesday night, snapping the Bulls' 12-game losing streak at Boston Garden.

Jordan, last year's MVP, scoring champion and defensive player of the year, did it all again Wednesday night, blocking two shots and falling two short of the NBA record with nine steals.

Elsewhere, it was New York 117, Washington 110 Cleveland 108, the Los Angeles Clippers 91 Detroit 101, Atlanta 95, in overtime Milwaukee 114, Philadelphia 103, San Antonio 117, Miami 93, Utah 105, Sacramento 81, Phoenix 111, Dallas 103, Gol-

den state 113, Seattle 108, and the Los Angeles Lakers 128, Denver 110.

The Celtics were hardly complacent. They battled back from a six-point deficit at halftime as rookie guard Brian Shaw helped give Boston a 79-78 lead after three quarters.

But then Jordan took over, hitting a baseline jumper with eight minutes left to put Chicago ahead for good and overwhelming the Celtics the rest of the way with 15 more points on a variety of shots.

Knicks 117, Bulls 110 Kenny Walker and Gerald Wilkins had six points apiece in a 14-4 third-quarter surge as New York won its second straight game.

Cavaliers 108, Clippers 91 Larry Nance scored 27 points and Cleveland used a strong de-

fensive effort to build a 15-point halftime lead and win its home opener.

Pistons 101, Hawks 95 Isiah Thomas and Dennis Rodman scored four points each in overtime as Detroit stayed unbeaten after four games.

Spurs 117, Heat 93 Rookie Willie Anderson scored 29 points and led a third-quarter surge as San Antonio beat Miami. Anderson scored 14 points in the third quarter when San Antonio outscored Miami 34-16 to put the game away.

Bucks 114, 76ers 103 Terry Cummings scored 31 points and Ricky Pierce added 23 as Milwaukee beat Philadelphia for its first regular-season victory at the Bradley Centre. Jazz 105, Kings 81 Karl Malone scored 35 points and John Stockton added 23 points and 14 assists as Utah downed Sacramento.

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN  
AND ORIAN SHARF  
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### WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

**Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
♠AKQ85 ♥83 ♦762 ♣83  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
3 ♥ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

**Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
♠KQ72 ♥83 ♦954 ♣Q83  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
3 ♥ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

**Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
♠AQ92 ♥95 ♦1092 ♣J762  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
3 ♥ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

**Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
♠KJ85 ♥83 ♦952 ♣Q1062  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
3 ♥ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

**Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
♠KJ85 ♥83 ♦952 ♣Q1062  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
3 ♥ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

**Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:**  
♠QJ762 ♥5 ♦K1083 ♣A63  
The bidding has proceeded:  
North East South West  
1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass  
3 ♥ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?  
Look for answers on Monday.

## FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1988

### YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

As Charted By The Carroll-Richter Astrological Foundation

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** Today is a whirlwind day charged with energy. Use restraint unless you are sure of the results. Avoid emotional situations, and remain realistic when solving problems. Romantic connections are sensational.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19):** A situation involving jealousy needs tactful handling. Insecurity are at the root of the problem. A small, thoughtful gift may clear things.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20):** Keep your feet on the ground. New associations and contacts have you flustered. Romantic advances may be rejected or have a backlash.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21):** You are nearly exhausted today. Reorganize to get your priorities in order. Frustration exists because you have too much going at once.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21):** Something you have always wanted is within your reach. Settle on your own needs. Avoid runaway gift giving, and save money.

**LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21):** Flattery is bestowed on you. Control your sensitivities and temperament. A romance is fueled, so let it work to your advantage.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22):** Maintain a low profile at work. Be

ing overly optimistic can lead to disappointments. Use a plan to achieve your objectives.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22):** Draw up contracts, and tend to legal affairs. Cheer someone up. Drop in on a sick or needy friend. Start out on a trip earlier than planned.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21):** Catch up on errands and everyday tasks. Shopping will get you a good buy. Ignore criticism from a cranky companion. Friends may drop in.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21):** Plan a short getaway trip with your mate. Home, family and friends play a role in deciding your upcoming social activities.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20):** Cash flow is a temporary problem. calling for prudent use of your paycheck. Plans for the day drag. Family members are uncooperative.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19):** Make use of a relaxed and pleasant day with your mate. A short break from normal weekend activities will recharge your batteries.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20):** A relaxed day lies ahead. You will find time spent with children rewarding. Outdoor, nature-oriented activities will relax your nerves.

## THE Daily Crossword

by Wilson McBeath

**ACROSS**

1 Wound cover  
5 "— of star-cross'd lovers"  
16 Side dish  
14 1st. dance  
15 Choreographer  
16 Legend  
17 Lat. abbr.  
18 Goes up  
19 Nick  
20 Indian  
22 — and Tobacco  
24 Land  
26 Paradise  
27 Sppt. islands  
31 Hire  
32 Nautical term  
38 Organic compound  
39 Next to Pol.  
40 Stylish  
41 "— we all?"  
42 Sound. pref.  
43 Banter  
44 Nordic kin  
45 Small group  
46 Bloodsucker  
47 Withdraws  
48 Bullfight  
49 chavens  
51 Radio  
52 Medit. island  
58 "— is come to me" (Rossett)  
60 Geminis' wife  
61 Country  
62 Culture medium  
64 Part of a.m.  
65 Continents  
66 Armstrong  
67 Marsh grass  
68 Muse of poetry  
69 Editor's note

**DOWN**

1 Women  
2 — of Azur  
3 Islands in Galway Bay  
4 Medit. island group  
5 Timorous  
6 Hilo food  
7 Alde. abbr.  
8 Fr. river  
9 Tenant  
10 Cord  
11 Extol  
12 Provencal love song  
13 Country bene  
21 Paston  
22 Hawaiian  
23 Part of a.m.  
25 Tachymose  
27 Taxicab  
28 Body of values  
29 Alter figure  
30 Deus  
32 Marketplace of Gr.  
33 Chet's kin  
34 Indiana  
37 City of ear  
40 Chemical acid  
41 — islands  
42 Scott.  
43 Hum. king  
44 Hum.  
45 Bent the head  
46 Low apple  
48 Shaker's  
49 A Gardner  
52 Scotch  
53 A Bancroft  
54 Ceremony  
55 Solo  
56 Carved arch  
58 Colo. resort  
59 A Gardner  
62 Bank abbr.

**Saturday's Puzzle Solved:**

SHUN MERIT DAB  
ARIA VORON ALA  
POUSSONVERS PET  
RUMY ANTOINE  
ROUSSEAU SCARY  
AUGUSTUS A BATES  
THOMAS ADOLPHUS  
HEND DELIRE SOBA  
TAR MARVIN EMIT  
HIRE HER SHADE  
ORANGE CASSIED  
SQUASH LOPI  
DOIR NORRIERBALL  
JOIR EMOTIOM LISA  
THIR REIGION EDDUI

## Peanuts

**Mutt'n' Jeff**

"IN THE MEANTIME, WE WANT TO THANK OUR GUEST FOR BEING WITH US THIS MORNING."

"WE'LL BE BACK WITH THE REST OF OUR CHEAP SHOTS IN A MOMENT."

"LISTEN, GUE— I GOTTA HANG UP! I'M PRESSING MUTT'S SUIT! HE'S WAITING FOR IT!"

"O.K., MUTT, I'LL HELP YOU PUT YOUR COAT ON!"

"OH— THANKS!"

"JEFF'S REALLY A SWEET LITTLE GUY!"

"BIG HELP!"

**Andy Capp**

"I'M THINKING ABOUT GOING ABOARD FOR MY HOLIDAY NEXT YEAR, FLO. WHERE TO?"

"ANDY MIGHT ADVISE ME— HE SAW A LOT OF FOREIGN PORTS DURING THE WAR."

"I DOUBT IT, MAUREEN— THIS LAD RECKONS THAT NEXT TO A PINT IS THE MOST WONDERFUL PLACE IN THE WORLD."

"EVERY TIME"

## THE BETTER HALF.

By Harris



## JUMBLE.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TUFOL

GRAWE

PANUCK

LOACCI

I know my right!

IGNORANCE OF THE LAW IS NO EXCUSE, ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE THIS.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: A

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumble: TAWNY VISTA RADIUM POWDER

Answer: The best way to make a long story short— INTERRUPT



## Carrying strike leaflets a capital offence

## Jayewardene assumes tough stand on strikes

COLOMBO (Agencies) — President Junius R. Jayewardene Friday issued an emergency decree threatening people convicted of instigating strikes with capital punishment.

Possession of leaflets or posters calling for strikes also could be punishable by death, the president's office announced.

It issued copies of the decree after shops and businesses reopened following a four-day strike called by Sinhalese extremists demanding Jayewardene's resignation.

Soldiers Thursday fatally shot 18 anti-government demonstrators who defied curfews and marched through the streets in three Sinhalese towns. The confrontation came one day after the army was ordered to shoot on sight anyone staging such demonstrations.

The government said hundreds of workers who did not report for work Thursday in essential services would be sacked.

Thousands of tourists are leaving the country on the advice of the government.

## Resignation

Justice Minister Nissanka Wijeyaratne and his deputy resigned Friday, accepting responsibility for two recent jailbreaks and a prison riot in which 12 inmates died Monday. Their resignations came in a week of unrest that



Junius Jayewardene

spread from the streets to penal institutions.

Friday's decree was issued under the state of emergency begun in 1983 when ethnic tensions in this once-peaceful island nation erupted into massacres, assassinations and guerrilla attacks.

The announcement by the president's office said the new regulations would be strictly enforced in the interest of "the welfare of the people of this country."

The army was ordered to arrest anyone carrying the outlawed strike leaflets or posters or displaying them inside or outside their homes, according to the announcement.

Anyone found in possession of such items was to be taken before a military tribunal for immediate trial, and conviction could result in prison terms or death by hanging.

The decree also provides capital punishment for anyone convicted of using persuasion or intimidation to keep people away from jobs declared essential under emergency laws. These jobs include those in public transport and distribution of food and fuel.

Around-the-clock curfews were extended until 8 a.m. Saturday in predominantly Sinhalese southern and central Sri Lanka. The People's Liberation Front, a Sinhalese extremist group, has vowed to continue calling strikes until Jayewardene dissolves parliament and resigns.

The front advocates clearing the way for a caretaker government representing all political parties to oversee presidential elections already scheduled for Dec. 19. The strikes are usually announced by leaflets or by posters that appear on walls overnight.

The constitution bars Jayewardene from seeking a third term.

## Red Army threatens imperial system

TOKYO (Agencies) — The Japanese Red Army guerrilla group has called on the Japanese people to fight any glorification of "X-day," the day Emperor Hirohito dies, the National Police Agency said Friday.

The demand was made in a letter received by police from unidentified sources.

The letter, dated Oct. 1 and sent from an unspecified Middle Eastern city, said Japan's ruling classes would use X-day, a term used to describe the day the emperor dies, to validate the "aggression and repression" of pre-war Japan.

It said excessive media coverage of Hirohito's illness and the whipping up of emotion over his condition was a plot to purge those opposed to the imperial system.

The 87-year-old monarch is in the eighth week of a critical illness. The imperial household has not specified what he is suffering from, but there has been widespread speculation in Japanese media that he has incurable cancer of the pancreas.

The police said they were aware of the threat of guerrilla attacks during an imperial funeral, at which all the Japanese imperial family would gather.

Leftist radicals have launched several attacks on the Imperial Palace in recent years using homemade firebombs.

On Friday morning, a monument dedicated to the emperor in a park in Hiroshima was found covered in red paint, Hiroshima police said.

Leftist handbills carrying the words "Now is the time to overthrow the imperial system" were found around the monument, a police spokesman said.

Members of the Japanese Red Army, which has formed during the 1960s, hijacked a Japan Air Lines jet to North Korea in 1970 and staged an attack at Lod Airport in 1972.

Friday's Red Army statement also charged the emperor system was the foundation of Japanese imperialism before and during World War II.

The militarists who ran the country during the war invoked Hirohito as inspiration for attacks that once put most of East Asia under Japanese control.

The world's most destructive quake this century killed at least 240,000 people in Tangshan, northeast China, in 1976 — the last year of the dragon.

## 500,000 homeless in China quake

PEKING (R) — Half a million people are homeless in the aftermath of southwest China's devastating earthquake, 400,000 of them without even emergency shelter, a rescue official said Friday.

Survivors at the epicentre, close to the border with Burma, are sleeping rough and tending injured relatives in the open amid the debris of their bamboo-thatch villages flattened by the quake five days ago.

A spokesman for the Yunnan province Civil Affairs Bureau said by telephone that tents and building materials were being rushed into Lancang and Menglian counties but that only 100,000 people had been given shelter by Friday.

He said 717 bodies had been recovered from the quake zone but that the death toll was believed to be more than 1,000. Nearly 3,000 are seriously injured.

Word of the full human cost of the quake is leaking out slowly from scattered hill villages, many of which can only be reached on

foot. The quake measured 7.6 on the Richter Scale and shook a 1,000 kilometres stretch of territory that also included part of northern Thailand.

In China's Zhanmopo village, the worst hit, 287 people died and 768 were injured out of a total population of 3,000, the official New China News Agency said.

The injured are sleeping in the open in chill night air until plastic and asphalt sheeting arrives to build sick wards, the agency quoted doctors in Zhanmopo as saying.

Rescue work involves 2,000 soldiers along with police units and medical teams. Authorities have so far set aside 24 million yuan (\$6.5 million) for relief operations.

No epidemics have yet broken out but doctors fear cholera and dysentery could spread through contaminated water supplies.

Chinese officials said earlier they hoped for foreign donations of antibiotics, syringes, portable X-ray machines, ambulances, tents, quilt clothing and food for the survivors.

## Angola talks resume on upbeat note

GENEVA (AP) — Talks about southern Africa resumed Friday on a note of cautious optimism that agreement could be reached on a timetable for a Cuban troop withdrawal from Angola and a framework for granting independence to Namibia, or South-West Africa.

Delegations from South Africa, Cuba, Angola and the United States, which is mediating the talks, held bilateral meetings Friday at a Geneva hotel to prepare for a plenary later with all delegations present, a South African

spokesman said.

Spokesman Roland Darrol said the head of South African delegation, Neil van Heerden, director-general of the Department of Foreign Affairs, met with U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Chester Crocker. The South Africans also met with a Soviet observer delegation, he said.

Darrol said van Heerden and his delegation came to Geneva "in a positive frame of mind."

The sides are trying to achieve agreement on a withdrawal of an estimated 50,000 Cuban troops

from Angola, where they are backing the Marxist government. South Africa links independence for Namibia, which it controls, to a troop withdrawal.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Anatoly Adamishin said Thursday that the question of the length and timing of a Cuban troop withdrawal was the only remaining issue to be settled at the negotiating table.

A U.S. proposal made in early October reportedly calls on Cuba to withdraw half of its troops from Angola by Aug. 1.

## 'Hate-filled' letters greet Christ film in Germany

FRANKFURT (R) — Martin Scorsese's film "The Last Temptation of Christ," denounced as blasphemous in protests throughout Europe, provoked a flood of hate-filled letters before its West German premiere Thursday.

Religious groups have bombarded ministers and film authorities with more than 20,000 protest letters. One Catholic association said it had gathered more than 150,000 signatures.

Objections centre on a 30-second scene in which Christ fantasises on the cross about making love to Mary Magdalene.

Steffen Wolf, spokesman for the film industry's evaluation centre, said about two-thirds of the

## Oslo to stop heavy water exports

OSLO (R) — Norway said Thursday it planned to stop exports of heavy water, which can be used to make nuclear weapons, after a series of embarrassing scandals over earlier shipments.

Foreign Minister Thorvald Stoltenberg, announcing the planned ban, told parliament that international regulations had not stopped illegal trade in heavy water and should be strengthened.

Norway is currently trying to find out how its water, which can be used to make plutonium, was used by Israel and Romania. Oslo has also asked India to help trace a shipment it says was illegally rerouted to Bombay.

"The uncertainty we feel at this time... means that I will propose

to the cabinet that we ban exports of heavy water," Stoltenberg said. Tiny amounts used in medical and scientific research would be exempted.

He said the proposal, almost certain to be approved by parliament, would add heavy water to a list of strategic exports covered by recent Norwegian legislation.

"We are also in touch with the (Vienna-based) International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and some individual countries to see how we can improve the international control system," he said.

"Experience... has shown that these systems in some countries can be avoided without legal consequences for those who do so. It was also shown to be the

case that countries, in some cases, have very little chance of finding out how the deliveries have been used," he added.

Norway was the leading producer of heavy water, also known as deuterium oxide, in the 1950s. It has insisted exports be used only for peaceful purposes.

In the latest scandal, Oslo said last week that 15 tonnes of heavy water sold to a West German firm in 1983 had been illegally rerouted to Bombay.

International regulations bar the shipment of more than one tonne of water to India because it has refused to sign a Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) aimed at halting the spread of nuclear weapons. India denies having such weapons, but carried out its first nuclear explosion in 1974.

## Moscow tries to quell Baltic unrest

MOSCOW (AP) — Three Politburo members flew to the Baltic republics Friday to address growing complaints that proposed constitutional reforms will crush regional moves toward economic and cultural autonomy.

Politburo member Viktor Chebrikov travelled to Estonia, Vadim Medvedev to Latvia and Nikolai Stoyanov to Lithuania. Their visits were reported by state-owned media in the Baltics, but not by the national media in Moscow.

The personal visits by the ranking communist officials came one day after a discussion in the ruling Politburo of the growing clamour in the three republics for greater independence from Moscow.

The official newspaper Pravda

reported on the meeting Friday and said authorities will consider changing the draft constitutional amendments in response to the thousands of suggestions received.

The reforms have been denounced by the popular front movements in the three republics, as well as by local government and Communist Party groups in the Baltics.

The critics object to provisions that would eliminate the right of republics to secede from the Soviet Union and to shift power from the 14 non-Russian republics to Moscow's central authority.

The popular front in Vilnius, named the Lithuanian Restructuring Movement, meets Sunday to consider the issue, and the

Lithuanian Supreme Soviet meets Thursday. The Estonian Supreme Soviet, or legislature, meets Wednesday.

Members of the three popular fronts were gathering signatures on petitions asking that the amendments be dropped and new proposals drafted, said Algimantas Vaisnoras of the Lithuanian Restructuring Movement.

The Pravda article promised future discussion of "questions of the status of unions and autonomous republics, to expand the rights and possibilities in various spheres of economic, social-political and cultural life."

It said the 300-member Central Committee of the Communist Party is planning a special meeting on the subject, but gave no date.

## London report blames laxity for fire

LONDON (R) — The report into the 1987 London underground fire which killed 31 people condemned the system's lax safety and accused managers of still not doing enough to improve it.

The report, published Thursday, said the fire last Nov. 18 was caused by the carelessly dropped match and staff reaction to it was "uncoordinated, haphazard and untrained."

Sir Keith Bright, the head of London Regional Transport, and Dr. Tony Ridley, the chairman of the London underground, were both directly criticised and resigned shortly before Transport Minister Paul Channon announced the report's findings in parliament.

Bright had offered to resign after the fire, but stayed on at Channon's request.

On Wednesday night, Bright issued a statement saying that "with the impending publication of the Fennell report, I have told Mr. Channon that I feel now is the appropriate time to hand over to a new chairman."

A spokesman at London Regional Transport said Wednesday night that Bright "has left the company altogether."

Lawyer Douglas Fennell, who held a 91-day inquiry into the fire, accused London's transport authorities of "a dangerous, blinkered self-sufficiency which included a general unwillingness to take advice or accept criticism from outside bodies."

Fennell made 157 safety recommendations and warned that London Regional Transport had still failed to take full steps to improve safety despite a massive

campaign to clean up the 120-year-old system.

The report expressed concern that London underground continued to regard fire as an occupational hazard and aimed at fire precaution rather than fire prevention.

Fennell called the approach seriously flawed and added: "A mass transport passenger service cannot tolerate the concept of an acceptable level of fire hazard."

The blaze, the worst in the history of London transport, engulfed the ticket area at King's Cross underground station near the end of the evening rush hour.

The report said a match ignited accumulated grease and rubbish under a wooden escalator carrying passengers from the underground to street level.

## WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

## Rebels blast Burma power station

RANGOON (R) — Ethnic guerrillas have attacked Burma's biggest power station, cutting electricity supplies to central Rangoon for more than 24 hours, official sources said. Rangoon Radio said Karen guerrillas hit the Lawpita hydroelectric power station northwest of the capital with two rockets early Thursday. The attack coincided with efforts by some minority groups to take advantage of the military government's pre-occupation with crushing internal dissent to launch their own strikes from bases near the border. The radio said three booster transformers were destroyed, cutting electricity supplies to Rangoon. Repair work forced the closure of the whole plant, interrupting supplies also to Mandalay and other places.

## Texas gets atom-smasher project

HOUSTON (R) — Texas has been chosen from among 25 U.S. states as the site of a \$4.4 billion supercollider that will be the world's largest atom-smasher, the state's two senators said Thursday. Republican Senator Phil Gramm told reporters in Houston that the Energy Department has selected a location at Waxahachie, near Dallas, for the giant project. The collider will be a 85-kilometre underground ring of magnets capable of smashing proton beams with 20 times the force of the world's most powerful existing atom accelerator — the Tevatron at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Batavia, Illinois. Scientists hope the new atom-smasher will enable them to learn more about the nature of matter. Lloyd Bentsen, defeated Democratic candidate for vice-president, said in a statement issued in Washington the formal announcement would be made shortly by the department.

## Judge hits North's argument

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge has said former presidential aide Oliver L. North is cynically trying to put himself above the law by arguing he can't be prosecuted for shredding documents and lying about the Iran-contra affair. U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell, in an opinion released Thursday, wrote that North's arguments for dismissing charges he lied to then-Attorney General Edwin Meese III and destroyed National Security Council documents "reveals a skewed attitude toward our form of constitutional government." Gesell denied defence motions to dismiss charges that North obstructed the November 1986 presidential inquiry into the Iran-contra affair by lying to Meese. In the Iran-contra affair, money from secret U.S. arms sales to Iran was illegally diverted to the Nicaraguan contra rebels when such assistance was banned by law. The judge rejected North's argument that he committed no crime because Meese lacked legal authority to question him.

## Church of England boosts black role

LONDON (AP) — Leaders of the Church of England took a historic step Thursday night to ensure that their general synod has a minimum of 24 black members. At present, only eight of the 574 members are black. After a two-and-a-half-hour debate and with little more than half the members present, the policymaking synod of the Anglican state church voted 214-74 with 11 abstentions to create the quota.

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## Mystery flyer gets wings clipped

PARIS (R) — An amateur pilot dubbed the "black baron" for illegal night-time flights over Paris was grounded by a French court Thursday. Albert Maltre, 52, whose summer exploits infuriated the government and sparked a massive man-hunt, was fined 50,000 francs (\$8,300) and banned from flying for three years for buzzing the Champs Elysees in central Paris last month. He escaped a three-month jail sentence, the maximum penalty for unauthorised flights over the capital. The government sent police to all the highest points of Paris to try to spot the mystery flyer as he circled the capital. He was arrested last month after a day-time sortie over the Champs Elysees. Police sprang a trap at a remote airfield close to Paris when he returned.

## Ex-wife crank calls husband

TOKYO (AP) — Police in a city near Tokyo have arrested a woman for allegedly making an estimated 100,000 crank calls to her former husband since 1986. Toyoko Terahashi, 26, allegedly called her former husband at his office, alternately yelling into the phone or saying nothing before hanging up, said Kawasaki police department spokesman Hiroshi Katsutani. Katsutani said the calls began three months after the couple was divorced in January 1986 and totaled up to 200 a day. The couple married in May 1985. According to police, Terahashi's husband left her and filed for divorce after being subjected to domestic violence. Terahashi then began telephoning the man's office and the homes of more than 20 of his coworkers in an effort to find out where he was living. The president of the company where the man is employed filed a complaint with the police. Investigators found that, just from Sept. 3 to Oct. 19, the woman called the company 753 times, police said.

## Doctor warns about killer soda machines

CHICAGO (R) — Citing at least three deaths and a number of injuries, a doctor warned the unwary Thursday to watch out for the killer soda pop machine. Michael Cosio, a U.S. army physician from Walter Reed Medical Centre in Washington, said studies indicated machines which dispense canned soft drinks were often top-heavy and could easily be tipped by people who rocked them to try to dislodge a purchase or cheat the machine. Cosio, in a report published in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association, said 15 men aged 15 to 24 were injured at U.S. military bases in various parts of the world between 1985 and 1987 when pop machines fell on them. Three were killed — two by suffocation and one by crushing. A fourth remained in a coma, he said, and other victims suffered injuries ranging from a toe amputation to a skull fracture.

## U.S. officials steamroll watches

MIAMI (AP) — U.S. officials working to stop fraud in the marketplace have crushed 17,000 counterfeit wristwatches with a steamroller. The fake Rolex, Patek Philippe, Corum, Concord and Piaget watches were flattened Thursday into looping metallic pancakes. The watches were seized more than three years ago in a joint U.S. customs-seizure service case dubbed "Operation Stopwatch." Customs officials said they believe more than billion worth of counterfeit goods are produced each year in Italy alone. Fake designer leather goods and watches are among the most popular items. The customs officials said Swiss watch manufacturers estimate more than 10 million counterfeit watches are sold worldwide each year.

## War hero sells his medals

LONDON (AP) — Medals awarded to war hero Peter Townsend, who was romantically linked to Princess Margaret in the 1950s, were sold in London Thursday to a Canadian collector for £22,000 (\$39,380), auctioneers Sotheby's said. Townsend, a former group captain, was the first Royal Air Force fighter pilot to destroy a German aircraft over England in World War II, downing a Heinkel III in his Hurricane Feb. 3, 1940, near Whitby, Yorkshire. Townsend was not present at the sale. He lives at Le Perray-en-Yvelines in France and said he wanted money to launch a fund to help children who have suffered in wars.

## Bush a different president than Reagan

By Terence Hunt  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — George Bush as president is likely to be more of a hands-on manager than Ronald Reagan, more interested in foreign policy, less ideological.

The man who promises a kinder and gentler nation also says the stillness of the White House will be broken when he takes over by the sound of 10 grandchildren laughing and crying.

The jelly bean jars in the Reagan White House probably will be replaced with stacks of cracklin' pork rinds, Bush's favourite snack.

Reagan's favourite magazine was "Human Events," a conservative political journal. Bush's favourite is "Bassmaster," a fishing journal.

Bush, 64, is left-handed. He likes country music, vodka martinis and Mexican food. He jogs several times a week, covering 3.2 kilometres in about 18 minutes.

For fun, he races his boat off

the chilly waters of Maine. He's an avid tennis player and fisherman and also likes to play horseshoes.

An Episcopalian, he attends church regularly with his wife, Barbara. They've been married 43 years. They have five children, all adults now, and date on their 10 grandchildren.

In 71 days, Bush will take over from a popular president who charmed the nation with his easy-going manner, wit and polished communications skills.

Bush readily acknowledges he's different.

"I may not be the most eloquent, but I learned early that eloquence won't draw oil from the ground," Bush said last summer. "I may sometimes be a little awkward but there's nothing self-conscious in my love of country. I am a quiet man but I hear the quiet people others don't."

On another occasion, he said, "My leadership might not be the most charismatic but I'm not sure that we need a lot of razzle dazzle. There's probably enough drama in the

world already."

Conservatives are worried that Bush, although he took a hard line during his presidential campaign, will turn into a moderate in the White House. Indeed, his political leanings have drifted over the years.

"I suspect that George Bush will want a staff that includes sort of credentialled experts as opposed to ideological soul mates around him," said Republican consultant David Keene, who once worked for Bush.

"The difference between the styles of (Reagan and Bush) is that Bush is out of an intellectual and political tradition in which the emphasis is on finding the right people in public service, seeking their advice and believing that goals come out of having the right people in the right places," said Keene.

Bush is considered more pragmatic and issue-oriented than Reagan. As a onetime envoy to China and the United Nations, as well as chief of the Central Intelligence Agency

(CIA), Bush has a solid foundation in foreign policy.

Reagan in his first year in office practically ignored foreign policy, devoting his attention to budget and tax cuts. Bush says he wants a North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) summit conference and an early meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

Stephen Hess, a senior fellow in governmental studies at the Brookings Institution, said that Reagan "is the most hands-off manager of the modern presidency. I suspect that George Bush will be not nearly as hands off...."

Echoing that theme, Lyn Notziger, who was Reagan's first political director in the White House, said Bush would be "probably more involved in the presidency and the day-to-day operations (but) probably not a hell of a lot more. He's not a Jimmy Carter or Michael Dukakis." Both former President Carter and Dukakis, the man Bush defeated in Tuesday's election, are known for their attention to detail.